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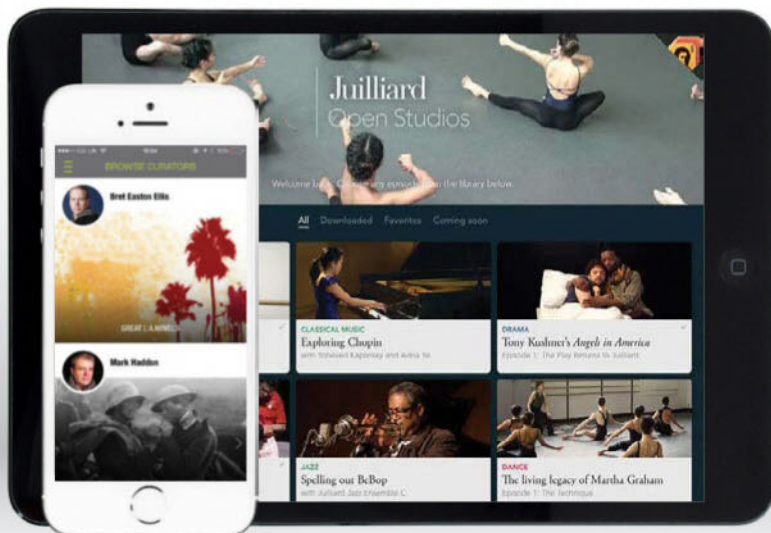


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WELCOME TO APPS MAGAZINE

Your essential apps guide every issue



Do you want to get in on the ground floor of something great? Then try any of the fifty hottest apps and games blazing up the top fifty of the App Store charts, which we've cherry-picked for you from page 14 onwards. However, if you're more interested in big names than up-and-coming apps, check out our review of the latest in the *Hitman* assassination series on page 37, the new release from the makers of *Barefoot World Atlas* and *Disney Animated* on page 24, and the new work tools included in *Paper by FiftyThree* on page 33.

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DAN HUTCHINSON Editor in Chief



TouchPress have made everything from the elements to T.S. Elliot accessible for iPad and *Juilliard Open Studios* (page 23) looks to do the same for performing arts.

JACK PARSONS Editor



If you're looking for a page-turner to take on holiday, try *Alexi* (page 27). It includes reading lists of the best books to read, compiled by your favourite authors.

CARRIE MOK Contributor



For simply scrumptious recipes and excellent filter features for those on a strict diet, *Yummly* (page 30) is the best there is.

OLIVER HILL Contributor



Blades of Brim (page 36) has reinvented the endless runner genre; instead of trying to outrun enemies, you run at them slashing with your sword!

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• iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.0

BLADES OF BRIM
• iPhone+ | iOS 5.1 | Freemium | v1.0.0

JUILLIARD OPEN STUDIOS
• iPad+ | iOS 8.1 | Freemium | v1.12

YUMMLY
• iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | 1.10
• Android | OS 4.1 | Free | V1.0.5

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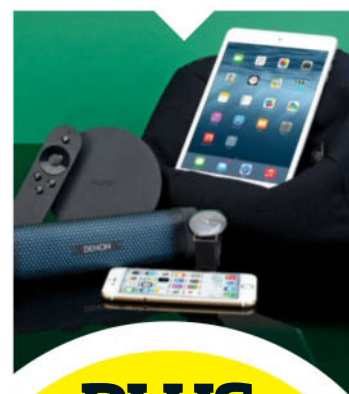
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● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | Free | v4.5.2
● Android | OS 2.2 | Free | v4.6.3

FORMAT

Some apps are specific to iPhone or iPad, however if listed with a plus symbol, apps will work on both devices.

VERSION

We always review the latest versions of apps when going to publication, but bear in mind issues we outline may be fixed in updated versions.

PRICE

We list the most up-to-date price possible, but check before purchasing. Note that free apps may still require some in-app purchases.

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GET EXCITED ABOUT...

TAKING BETTER iPHONE PHOTOS

OLLOCLIP'S NEW ACCESSORY TURNS YOUR iPHONE 6 OR 6 PLUS INTO A MOBILE PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIO

Olloclip's clip-on lenses have impressed smartphone photographers since they launched on Kickstarter four years ago. Even though they are now an established brand in shops, including the Apple Store, the firm has returned to the crowd-funding site for its new product. Called the Olloclip Studio, it's a photography-enhancing iPhone 6 or 6 Plus case and accessory system.

"Our new Olloclip Studio system is an innovative set of creative accessories that come together to form our most advanced mobile photography solution," said Chong Pak, Olloclip's design director. "If you're using social media apps like *Instagram*, *Facebook*, *Snapchat* or broadcast apps like *Periscope*, Studio is the perfect companion," Pak added.

The Olloclip Studio is built around a phone case with an ingenious rail system, which allows the easy mounting of camera accessories. Unsurprisingly, this includes the firm's clip-on lenses along with other various tools.

The Studio case itself is rugged and has been designed to protect your iPhone from any drops and knocks against

surfaces, meaning there's a reason for leaving it on when not taking pictures.

To get users started, each case comes with an accessory kit. A distinctive finger grip stands out as being of interest and should enable photographers to maintain a much better grip on their iPhone, irrespective of the angle or orientation of their shot.

Also in the kit are two cold-shoe mounts for attaching lights or microphones, and two 1/4-20 mounts which can be used to attach the iPhone and case to a tripod, in either landscape and portrait orientation. Owners that pledged funding to the Olloclip Studio on Kickstarter will also receive a Kickstand Clip with their accessory kit, so they can prop their phone up while bingeing on Netflix.

The Olloclip Studio Kickstarter launched 1 July aiming to raise \$100,000, and was a runaway success, achieving over half its target in the first five days. The Olloclip Studio with accessory kit will retail for around \$89.99 (approx. £58) and will hit shops in late September.



STUDIO CASE

Like a ruggedised version of Olloclip's existing Ollocase, the Studio Case is designed to make it easier to attach camera accessories to your phone.

COLD SHOE ADAPTERS

Also known as camera shoes, the Accessory Kit includes adapters to attach lightweight accessories, such as flashlights or microphones

FINGER GRIP

The grip stands out as being of interest and should allow photographers to maintain a much better grip on their iPhone, no matter what the angle or orientation of their shot

1/4-20 MOUNTS

The Accessory Kit includes a set of mounts to attach the Studio Case to tripods, grips or handles - in both landscape and portrait modes.

KICKSTAND

A thank-you gift for those that pledged \$35 (22.53) or more, olloclip has included a free kickstand to prop up your phone and watch or edit videos.

ASSEMBLE YOUR OWN PHOTO STUDIO WITH APPS

PROCAM 2



ProCam 2 was one of the first apps to show off iOS 8's manual camera features and remains one of the best for anyone that wants more control over their photography. With DSLR-like settings, you can tweak focus, shutter speed, ISO, focus and more via on-screen sliders. It also has 12 shooting modes and works with Apple Watch.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| £2.99/\$3.99 | v5.8

MEXTURES



If you like Instagram filters, but don't think they give your images enough texture, try Mextures. It's packed with tons of analogue light leaks, gritty and grainy film textures, and additional editing tools. You can combine and customise all of these to make your digital pictures look more authentic. More effects are added all the time.

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.1
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v2.2.0

CAMME



Have you ever felt like your arms are too short for a self-portrait, so you can't position the camera far away enough? While selfie sticks offer a solution, they can be a little ostentatious. CamMe offers an original alternative, with the app recognising hand signals to take photos instead. You can then set up your camera up to 5 metres (16 feet) to capture a better picture of yourself.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v2.15

PIXELMATOR



One of the most popular alternatives to Photoshop for the Mac has recently launched on iPhone and iPad. Pixelmator is a powerful, full-featured, layer-based image editor that lets you touch up and enhance images. Pixelmator also makes it easy to share images between mobile and desktop with support for both iCloud Drive and the new Photos app for Mac.

● iPad+ | iOS 8.3 | £3.99/\$4.99 | v2.01

START YOUR ENGINES WITH THE NEW CSR2

A sequel to CSR Racing is almost at the finish line. Torsten Reil, CEO of developer NaturalMotion, explains how it aims to keep in pole position



Since launching in 2012, *CSR Racing* remains one of the most popular mobile racing games of all time with more than 130 million lifetime downloads to date.

The much-awaited sequel promises "never-before-seen levels of visual fidelity and vehicle authenticity" and it is set to enter a series of soft launch phases before a global launch later this year.

CSR Racing became a top grossing game in 2012. How hard will it be for CSR2 to top it?

While it's always challenging to innovate on an already successful franchise, we're focused on making sure that we stay true to what made *CSR Racing* so popular. *CSR Racing* was born out of our love for cars. In *CSR2*, we are once again redefining the category and pushing the limits of what players expect from a mobile racer.

What can we expect with CSR2?

Bringing our love of cars to the mobile screen was the team's overarching goal during the development of the original *CSR Racing* and one that remains as we take the franchise to the next level. *CSR2* lets players experience the thrill of attaining not just one, but a whole garage of the most desirable cars on the planet and it feels as close as possible to the real thing. And curating your collection of cars is only part of the *CSR2* experience. In *CSR Racing* we introduced a new form of gameplay with the drag race, the purest form of car comparison. We're staying true to this core gameplay, and we are excited to share more details about how we have innovated on it in the near future.

The first game had full Retina resolution but how more advanced can the mobile game graphics become?

In *CSR2*, the team has built on some of the world's most advanced shading and lighting



Ferrari is just one manufacturer you can expect in the sequel

techniques to mimic how light reflects from cars in real life. For example, physically based shading is used to simulate the interactions that cars in your garage have with light sources to capture reality in the most stunning way possible. The achievements of our team on *CSR2* are taking the game not just beyond what's currently available on mobile but beyond console quality as well. While visuals and fidelity are important, we never do it for technology's sake alone. It is always a means to create a believable and immersive player experience.

Are we at the stage where mobile games are on a par with console?

At NaturalMotion we're excited to redefine what players expect from a mobile game. We are focused on bringing the high-quality graphics and immersive gameplay that players have traditionally enjoyed only on console to the mobile screen. I believe we are beginning to see a shift in the mobile games landscape where there are more games reflecting a console approach to visual fidelity and advanced graphics as more console enthusiasts look to play games on their mobile devices.

Why do you think CSR Racing was as successful as it was?

There was nothing like it available on mobile in terms of the graphics, vehicle authenticity and drag racing gameplay. It appealed not just to racing game enthusiasts but also to people who love cars. The drag-racing format of *CSR Racing* also fit perfectly into the way that players engage with games on their mobile devices. The shorter session time lets players enjoy one or multiple races while they are waiting in line at Starbucks for their morning macchiato.

"IN CSR2, WE ARE ONCE AGAIN REDEFINING THE CATEGORY AND PUSHING THE LIMITS"



05 COOL RACERS

REAL RACING 3



Packed with licensed cars, this is a full-on arcade experience set in the Le Mans races.

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0
| Freemium | v3.4.1
● Android | OS 4.0
| Freemium | v3.4.1

ASPHALT 8: AIRBORNE



Asphalt 8 is a light-hearted and exciting racer, but also *CSR Racing*'s biggest rival.

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.1.6
| Freemium | v1.9.1
● Android | Varies
| Freemium | Varies

CSR RACING



Simple and accessible, all you need to do is just time your taps precisely to start racing.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| Freemium | v2.9.0
● Android | OS 4.0
| Freemium | v2.9.0

NEED FOR SPEED MOST WANTED



A blistering mobile entry for a 20-years franchise.

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0
| £3.99/\$4.99 | v1.0.21
● Android | OS 2.3
| £3.20/\$4.99 | v1.3.68

RED BULL AIR RACE THE GAME



Does it give you wings? No but it's very polished.

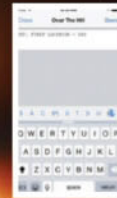
● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| Freemium | v1.61
● Android | OS 4.0
| Freemium | v1.65

HOW TO...

MAKE A MOVIE

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION! LET APPS REVEAL YOUR INNER AUTEUR

Whether you are making a home movie or hoping to direct the next indie hit, the app stores can provide tools for every stage in the film-making process. Combine this with the quality of cameras on the latest smartphones and tablets, and every mobile device has the potential to become a portable studio. From writing a script to releasing worldwide, our six-step guide introduces you to the apps you'll need to put your production in the can.



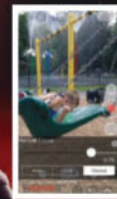
01 Act 1, Scene 1

Fade In Mobile is an ideal scriptwriting app for novice film-makers. Download it, enter a title and tap Create. In the next screen select your title to go to the writing page. Then tap the + sign to give your first scene a heading.



02 Stay on script

Each element of a screenplay, such as action, character and dialogue, has special formatting. As you type, select the corresponding option from the letters above the soft keyboard and *Fade In* will format it for export as an HTML file.



03 Roll camera

To put your script on film you can simply open the stock camera app, frame your shot and press the big round button. If you have an iPhone, though, install *MoviePro*, which has useful features such as zoom buttons and manual focus.



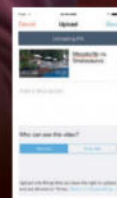
04 Post production

Basic movie editing is simple with Apple's *iMovie*. To start, tap + under Projects, select Movie, choose a theme and tap Create. Then follow the on-screen instructions to add clips from the Camera Roll in the intended running order.



05 Cutting room

To trim a scene in *iMovie*, swipe across the preview image and stop where the clip should end. Next, tap on the filmstrip, choose Split, select the unwanted section and pick Delete. Tap on the space between clips to add transitions.



06 Now showing

Add a title frame using the T symbol below *iMovie*'s filmstrip. Then tap the sharing icon and choose Save Video. Finally, install the *Vimeo* app, tap Upload in its main menu, select your film and release it to anyone, anywhere online.

APPS USED

FADE IN MOBILE

FI This works best with companion software but you can still export files.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0**
| £3.99/\$4.99 | v2.0.520
● **Android** | **OS 2.3.3**
| £3.11/\$4.99 | v2.0.520

★★★★★

MOVIEPRO

MP This app's well-organised interface puts its extra features literally at your fingertips without having to clutter up the screen.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0**
| £3.99/\$4.99 | v4.1

★★★★★

iMOVIE

IM Apple's flagship film editing app makes up for what it lacks in extra bells and whistles with outstanding ease-of-use.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 8.3**
| £3.99/\$4.99 | v2.1.2

★★★★★

FINAL THOUGHT

Apple devices are well served with amateur and professional movie-making apps. Android is lacking in pro tools but you can produce a decent flick with what's on offer if you have modest expectations. Both platforms also offer FX, time lapse and stop-motion apps for more creativity options.

COMPETITION

WIN! MISFIT FLASH

GET IN SHAPE WITH THIS WATERPROOF FITNESS TRACKER

The follow up to the popular Misfit Shine, the Flash fitness tracker guarantees a six-month battery life and is completely waterproof. At \$49.99, it's also able to offer this at half the price of the Shine.

Crafted from soft-touch plastic, the Misfit Flash's design ensures it is both light enough to forget you're wearing it and durable enough to keep up with an active lifestyle. Connecting via Bluetooth and working with a free companion app – available from both the iTunes App Store and Google Play – the Flash can accurately track a range of activities including walking, running, swimming, cycling and sleep. It then expresses activity as calories burned, distance travelled or steps taken. You can set daily goals and easily track any improvement over time and compete with friends on a leaderboard too.

The tracker also comes in seven colours – ranging from monochrome black and grey to vibrant fuchsia and lime green. If you don't want to wear it on your wrist, the strap is large enough for you to wear it around your ankle. It also comes with a clasp for clipping to clothing or your key chain.

We have two Misfit Flash fitness trackers to give away. For your chance to win one, head to our website and answer the following question...

Q WHAT IS THE NAME OF MISFIT'S FITNESS TRACKER?

- A.** Roadrunner
- B.** Flash
- C.** Sonic

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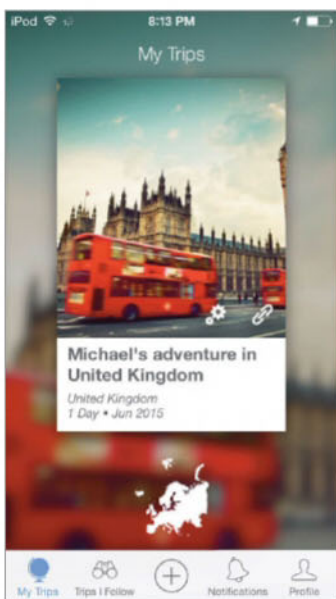
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WHEREVER YOU ARE TAKING OFF FOR, THESE APPS WILL MOVE YOU ALONG

Apps can be your passport to trouble-free trips for business or pleasure. Before you leave home they can make booking flights and hotels, tracking your itinerary, ordering foreign currency and packing your suitcase as painless a process as possible. Then, at your destination, apps can connect you with other travellers, find a restaurant or Wi-Fi hotspot, or direct you to a local doctor when you're there. Here are ten top travel apps to help you on your way to a better holiday experience.



JOURNI

ALTERNATIVE TO: PHOTOS

This photo-journal app lets you create trips and then take pictures that are uploaded into an attractive online album that others can follow. You can also add notes to your photos and follow other users' trips.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v3.1.4

TRIPADVISOR

ALTERNATIVE TO: iBOOKS

This app is a virtual encyclopedia of information on, and ratings for, places to stay or eat and things to do in destinations big and small across the world. You can also search for flights and submit your own reviews.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| Free | v11.0
● Android | Varies
| Free | Varies

GOOGLE TRANSLATE

ALTERNATIVE TO: CAMERA

This tool can translate text to and from several European languages through your phone's camera. Point it at a sign or menu and words will be converted in situ. It can also translate spoken, typed and handwritten text.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| Free | v3.3.0
● Android | Varies
| Free | Varies

POST OFFICE CURRENCY CONVERTER

ALTERNATIVE TO: CALCULATOR

This app is on the money with its easy-to-navigate interface, Apple Watch extension and currency ordering option.

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.2
| Free | v1.1
● Android | Varies
| Free | Varies

WI-FI FINDER

ALTERNATIVE TO: STOCKS

When you need to get online, this app will show you if there are places nearby that have free or paid Wi-Fi within countries around the world. Locations are displayed on a map and you can filter by venue type or provider.

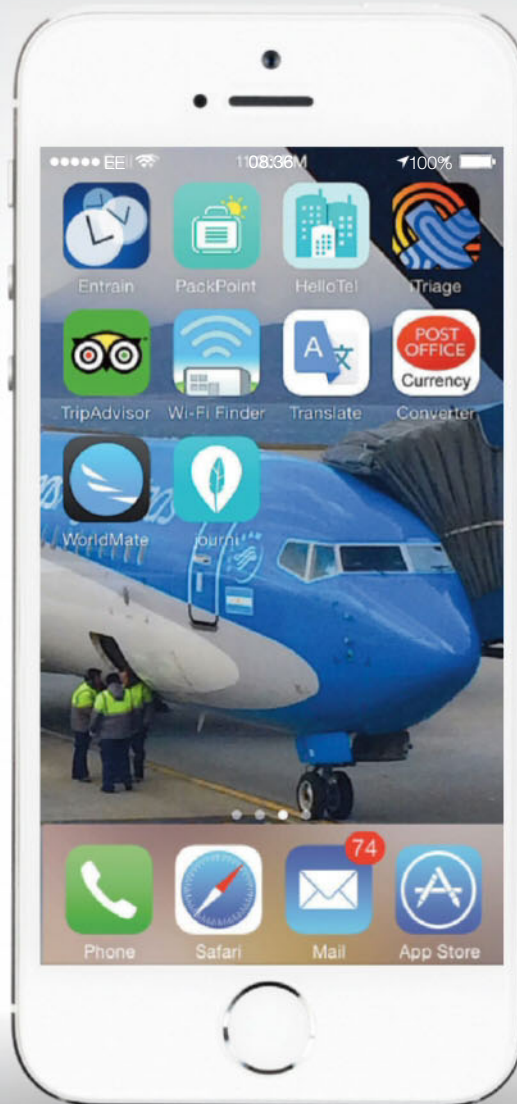
● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0
| Free | v2.9.8
● Android | Varies
| Free | varies

ENTRAIN

ALTERNATIVE TO: CLOCK

Jet lag can be a nuisance, especially if you're on a plane for a long-haul business trip. This app will recommend what times to make it light and dark whilst you're at your destination so that you can adjust to a new time zone much more quickly.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.1
| Free | v2.0
● Android | OS 2.2 | Free | v1.2



HELLOTEL

ALTERNATIVE TO: MESSAGES

This app can help you meet colleagues or new friends staying at the same hotel or another nearby. Click Check In to show you've arrived, search for users in the area and send a greeting.

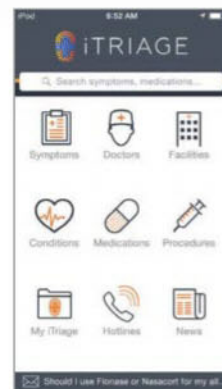
● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| Free | v3.1
● Android | OS 2.3.3
| Free | v1.5.4

WORLDIMATE

ALTERNATIVE TO: PASSBOOK

Send your itineraries to the email address associated with this app and you'll receive alerts and information. It also offers cheaper hotel rates, airline check-in, LinkedIn integration and more.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| Freemium | v7.0.0
● Android | Varies
| Freemium | Varies

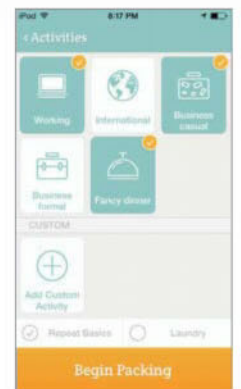


iTRIAGE

ALTERNATIVE TO: HEALTH

If you get Delhi Belly or something worse when travelling, you might need to find a doctor. This app will search for local facilities or practitioners in various fields and has a guide to symptoms and medications.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| Free | v5.21
● Android | OS 2.3
| Free | v5.61



PACKPOINT

ALTERNATIVE TO: REMINDERS

Don't forget a thing on your next trip by logging your destination and date of travel with PackPoint, choosing if your activities will be for business or pleasure and then ticking off items from the preset lists available.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| Freemium | v1.6
● Android | OS 2.3.3
| Freemium | v3.8.9

"DON'T FORGET A THING ON YOUR NEXT TRIP BY LOGGING YOUR DESTINATION AND DATE OF TRAVEL WITH PACKPOINT"

GEAR ROUNDUP

NEXUS PLAYER

With so many ways to access the TV shows and movies we want, you'd think a product like the Nexus Player simply wouldn't be necessary, but you'd be wrong. The Nexus Player acts like a hub for all the content you desire. It's packed with various apps and channels that work seamlessly with most TV sets. While connecting your smartphone to the unit can be a little tedious, and you simply won't bother with many of the built-in apps, there's a lot on offer here at a good price.

★★★★★

£79/\$99 | Google | store.google.com

iBEANI

Tablet stands are in abundance and while their design and colours may look totally different, they all pretty much do the same thing. The iBeani offers the same stand-like features, but in a more fun style. The cushioned beanbag is coated in soft fabric and does a good job at keeping your screen free from smudges, but the stitching used isn't the best we've seen. Having a soft padded interior enables users to mould the iBeani to their designed height, but as you'd expect, it isn't the most stable stand out there.

★★★★★

£24.99/\$TBC | iBeani | ibeani.co.uk



ENVAYA MINI

One look at the Envaya Mini and you can appreciate just how gorgeous this speaker is, particularly thanks to the blue tint in the sample we tested. Connecting is easy to various devices through Bluetooth, while using NFC is also possible here. Despite its small size, the dual 40m drivers offer fantastic sound at decent volume levels, with bass also being a particular highlight. The sound quality isn't as crisp as some more expensive models, but the Envaya Mini ticks a lot of the boxes at its modest price point.

★★★★★

£99.90/\$149.99 | Denon | denon.co.uk

ACTIVITÉ POP

Withings are a quality name when it comes to fitness trackers, and that really shows with the Activité Pop. Unlike most of the competition, the Pop is designed like an actual watch, with a distinct lack of digital screen for you to interact with. While the strap that ships with the Pop is a little on the flimsy side, we can't argue with the tracking aspects of the watch when it's partnered to your phone. Users are able to use the dial to track their daily fitness goals, while getting a better run-down on the accompanying app.

★★★★★

£119.95/\$149.95 | Withings | withings.com



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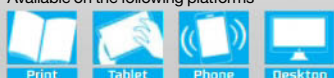
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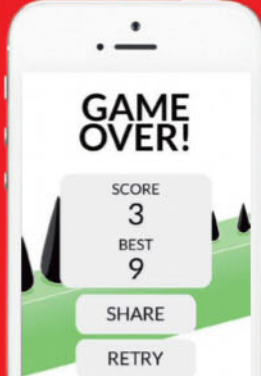
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DARK SKY – WEATHER RADAR



Dark Sky is a minimalist app which has been designed to present the real-time information you need in the clearest way possible. It displays a graph showing the predicted weather for the next hour and when you first use it, the uncanny accuracy is obvious straight away. Add to this a notification centre widget and push notifications, and there is now no excuse to not know what is happening at any moment. The Apple Watch is fully supported with a five-day forecast and the animations on the iPhone and iPad stand out just enough to make *Dark Sky's* weather forecasting experience feel alive. The beautifully presented maps show an animation of how any local rain is moving and you will always be defaulted to your current location so it is easy to see how much rain will arrive in a very precise hour window. All of this comes together to give you a tool that is useful for so many aspects of your life and you can plan days out, meetings and parties (where the weather will make a big difference). You can always stay dry with *Dark Sky*.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **£2.99/\$3.99**



It may look simple, but it can be incredibly frustrating at times

TRIPLE JUMP



There is little doubt that simple games designed to be played over periods of mere seconds are fashionable at the moment and *Triple Jump* is the perfect example. You have to time your jumps just right by tapping on the screen and you will quickly understand how many taps are needed to progress. The premise is incredibly simple, but it can be extremely hard to survive for long.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 6.0** | **Freemium**
● **Android** | **OS 2.3** | **Freemium**

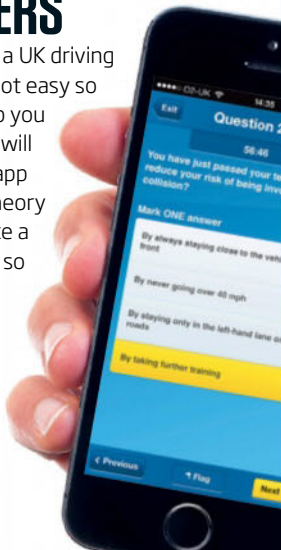
“It is easy to see how much rain will arrive in a very precise hour window with Dark Sky”

THE OFFICIAL DVSA THEORY TEST KIT FOR CAR DRIVERS



Passing a UK driving test is not easy so any help you can get will be welcome. In this app you can study the theory test in detail and take a series of mock tests so that you can feel confident on the big day. The presentation is simply superb and the content is perfectly accurate.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0**
| **£4.99/\$6.99**



STICK TEXTING



In a world where the diversity of communication methods seems to grow every day, it sort of makes sense to be given yet another option. With this app you can send animated stick images which are designed to offer as many different meanings as possible in seconds. The interface is logical and the way it works is more fun than you may expect. A novel solution.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 6.1**
| **£1.49/£1.99**



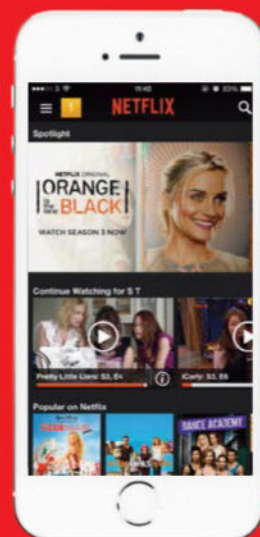
NETFLIX



Netflix works brilliantly on set-top boxes, but the ability to take your favourite films and TV shows

with you is not one to be missed. You can stream shows over a mobile connection or Wi-Fi and performance throughout is astonishingly quick. The busy interface fits the idea well and if you have a Netflix account, you must download this.

● **iPhone+**
| **iOS 7.0** | **Free**
● **Android**
| **Varies** | **Free**



YOU MUST BUILD A BOAT



Don't let the simplistic retro graphics fool you because this is a highly complex game and great fun to play. You have to build a boat by gathering a crew, casting spells, capturing monsters and so much more, and the experience never gets dull.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 6.0**
| **£2.29/\$2.99**
● **Android** | **OS 2.3**
| **£1.99/\$2.99**

SPY_WATCH



Described as a fantasy app rather than as just a simple game, *Spy Watch* is designed to play in real-time on your Apple Watch. It really does feel like a spy experience and how you deal with the notifications that come to you will define how successful you are. If you like the idea of directing a spy agency from your wrist, then you should try this game out.

● **iPhone** | **iOS 8.0**
| **£1.49/\$1.99**

SHADOWMATIC



In this highly original game you have to rotate objects until the shadow they create identifies as a completely new object. The styling and graphics are exemplary and the relaxing atmosphere never gets old no matter how often you play it. *Shadowmatic* is surprisingly deep despite the simple controls and really is superb fun throughout playing.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 6.0**
| **£2.29/\$2.99**

BUDDYMAN: KICK 2



Buddyman: Kick 2 is the ultimate stress-relieving game which requires you to hit Buddyman with as many damaging objects as you can in order to make him much stronger. It is a crazy premise and one which makes very little sense to us at the start, but you will soon become immersed in the humorous violence and will likely keep coming back to keep the whacking going.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 6.0**
| **£0.79/\$0.99**

STORAGE HUNTERS UK: THE GAME



The *Storage Hunters UK* game is true to the TV show and includes all of the characters you already know and love. If you already own a different version, it may not offer enough differentiation, but if not give it a go. It is great fun and can get very tense.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 6.0**
| **£1.49/\$1.99**
● **Android** | **OS 2.3**
| **£1.49/\$1.23**

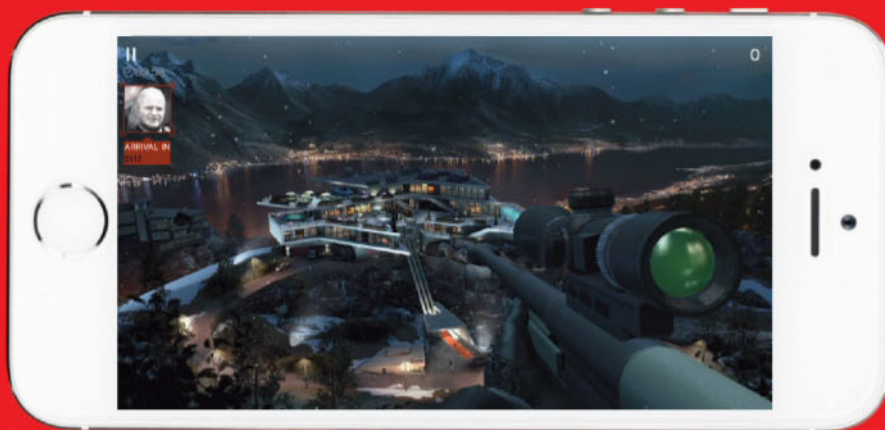
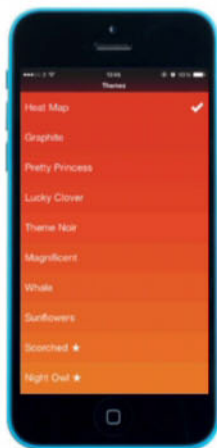
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CLEAR – TASKS, REMINDERS & TO-DO LISTS



You would be hard pressed to find a task management app which is as simple to use and as minimalist as *Clear*. Every action is undertaken via swipes, and adding and deleting new tasks only takes seconds. It takes all of the clutter away and leaves you to focus on what you need, making it one of the best of its kind available.

● **iPhone+ | iOS 8.0**
| £3.99/\$4.99



HITMAN: SNIPER



The legendary *Hitman* series is loved by millions and you would think that it would be close to impossible to fit a decent experience on a smaller mobile screen. The developers of *Hitman: Sniper*, however, have proved otherwise by releasing a game that offers a thrilling graphical experience alongside gameplay which is hard to control at times, but which still makes you want to come back for more. You have to navigate levels which gradually increase in difficulty and various skills are required to succeed.

An understanding of tactics is useful as is a steady hand, but patience wins out above all else. If you are prepared to take your time and understand the best ways to take people out, and in which order that you will need to do it, you will be able to breeze through each level after only a few attempts. The more effort you make, the more rewards you get and as your skills increase so will your points and ability to purchase new items and upgrades.

● **iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | £3.99/\$4.99**
● **Android | OS 4.1 | £3.99/\$4.99**



SUBWAY SURFERS



The classic running genre has been improved here with the use of colourful characters. Jump and slide under obstacles and avoid the trains at the same time with many bonuses available along the way. It's a classic fast, fun experience which will keep you coming back.

● **iPhone+ | iOS 6.0**
● **Freemium**
● **Android | OS 2.3.3**
● **Freemium**

“With Sky Guide you will have a handy sky reference tool”

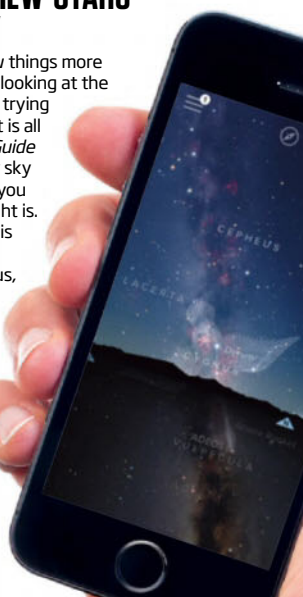
SKY GUIDE: VIEW STARS NIGHT OR DAY



There are few things more relaxing than looking at the night sky and trying to understand what it is all about, but with *Sky Guide* you will have a handy sky reference tool to tell you what each blinking light is. The amount of detail is incredible and the features are numerous, to the point that it could start off an entire new hobby.

● **iPhone+ | iOS 7.0**
| £1.99/\$1.99

A perfect view of the stars with all of the information you will need



JURASSIC WORLD: THE GAME



Dinosaurs are back thanks to the *Jurassic World* film and in this companion game you can be closer to the action than ever before. You get to build a team that can win in a battle arena and despite looking similar to other game offerings, it does feel immense at times. Timing, patience and some luck will be needed to help win each fight.

● **iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium**
● **Android | OS 4.3 | Freemium**

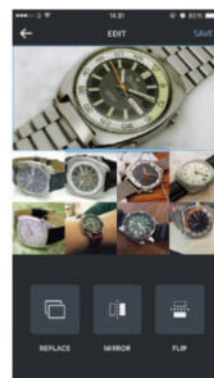
LAYOUT FROM INSTAGRAM



The ability to create collages in *Layout*

and to then share them in an instant is what makes this app great. At no point are any of the features unnecessary and you also have full control over how the end result will look. Simply holding an icon and moving it can completely change the way the image looks and it is great fun throughout with tons of opportunity for creativity.

● **iPhone | iOS 7.0 | Free**
● **Android | OS 4.1 | Free**



THE WONDER WEEKS



Wonder Weeks makes for a good purchase. It offers a calendar which explains why your baby acts the way he or she does at different times and is backed up by experts in the field so you can be sure that the advice is worthwhile. Every part of the app is professional and it's a must-have for any new parent.

● **iPhone | iOS 7.0**
| £1.49/\$1.99
● **Android | OS 2.3.3**
| £1.25/\$1.99

FACETUNE



You can now have your face tuned just like the celebrities using this simple app. Once you load a photo, *Facetune* will give you all the tools you need to cover blemishes, change the tone of your skin and even widen your smile. It is good fun and can offer some ideas for how you may want to update your look.

● **iPhone | iOS 6.0**
| £2.99/\$3.99
● **Android | OS 4.1**
| £2.99/\$3.99

UBER



Few services are as interlinked to an app as *Uber* is. It offers an impossibly simplistic method of hailing a ride and is available 24/7 to ensure that you can always get to a destination as soon as you order a ride. Every part of the interface and the feature set included are designed to make sure that picking up a ride is as easy and can be, and it works perfectly.

● **iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free**
● **Android | OS 4.0.3 | Free**

ETA – YOUR GPS DRIVING ASSISTANT



Satellite navigation is very useful, but you don't always need such a complete solution when you know where you are going. *ETA* solves this by giving you the estimated time of arrival based on current traffic conditions so you can use your favourite navigator for turn-by-turn directions. It's elegantly simple.

● **iPhone | iOS 8.0**
| £1.49/\$1.99

CARBS & CALS



Whether you're dieting or not, it is always useful to understand the nutritional value of food and this app is perfect for that task. There is a huge database of food photos included alongside calorific, carbs, fat and fibre data so that you can check every single meal in seconds. It is efficient and beneficial.

● **iPhone | iOS 6.0**
| £3.99/\$4.99
● **Android | OS 2.2**
| £3.99/\$4.99

AFTERLIGHT



Afterlight uses a selection of filters and tools to let you change the look of

any image in an ingenious way. You can combine these effects in any way you like to adjust the photo you are editing and make small adjustments in the most finite of ways. With an emphasis on ease of use combined with a vast selection of choices, you can edit your photos perfectly.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 6.0**
| **£0.79/\$0.99**
● **Android** | **OS 4.0.3**
| **£0.59/\$0.99**



ALTO'S ADVENTURE



Originality is the name of the game here in *Alto's Adventure*, a title which is relaxing, immersive and fun every time you play it. You have to control a character who can do stunts in the air and travel at great speed over the snow, but there are also a series of challenges to complete as well. The further you travel, the more absorbing it becomes. A fantastic game.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **£1.49/\$1.99**



ALPHABETTY SAGA



Few games take as many influences from other games as *AlphaBetty Saga*, but the end result is still an experience which will have you hooked in seconds. Making longer words will bring you more points and there are many bonuses on the way to help you travel even further through the numerous levels on offer. It is a highly addictive puzzler.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 5.1.1** | **Freemium**
● **Android** | **OS 2.3** | **Freemium**



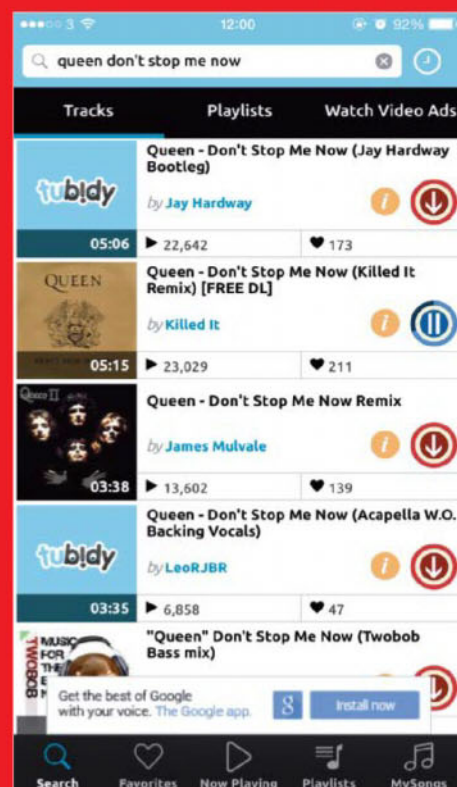
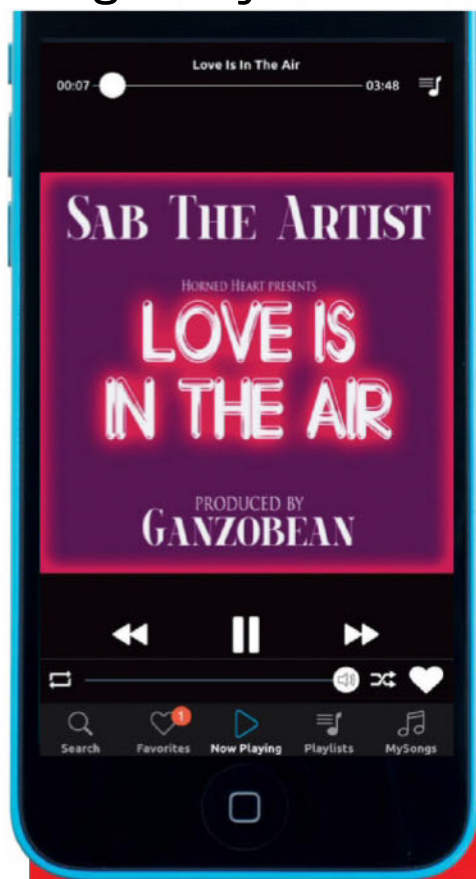
“Originality is the name of the game here in *Alto's Adventure*”

TUBIDY



At first glance *tubidy* does not seem to offer much that is different from the plethora of music players that dominate the app stores, but a quick look at the content that is included within will change your mind. For example, if you search for a well-known song, you will be presented with a good selection of remixes of the track which can then be downloaded and played offline on your phone whenever you like. The tabs at the bottom and the main interface are obvious throughout, but it is the content that really stood out for us because we found many variants of tracks we already love and thus we discovered a completely new way to listen to them. You can also share local playlists with friends as well as check out some existing playlists and preferences from others in order to gain inspiration for new music discoveries. Many apps spend a lot of time telling you how great they are whereas others get on with the job and offer a solution which gives you many benefits over a long period of time – *tubidy* just gets on with it.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**



Remixes and bootlegs can turn your favourite songs from yesteryear into new listens

PENNIES



Keeping track of what you spend is never fun, or is it? With *Pennies* you get to quickly note down expenses within a colourful and welcoming interface. It then helps you to understand if you are overspending using a variety of intuitive views. Whether you use your phone or your Apple Watch, the inputting method in the app is extremely quick and easy to use.

● **iPhone** | **iOS 7.0**
| **£2.29/\$2.99**

GOOGLE MAPS



Google Maps may seem like an obvious app to include here, but with so many competing services available and a raft of recent updates to the service, it is still well worth checking out. The data is accurate throughout and new features such as business opening hours and the quick sharing of places are not to be missed. It's still one of the very best without a doubt.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **Varies** | **Free**

TINY BEATS



You can now listen to your baby's heartbeat with just your phone! That is an incredible achievement and one which is likely to appeal to expectant parents – in our tests it actually works from time to time. Be aware that babies do move so try not to panic if it doesn't pick up anything.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0**
| **£3.99/\$4.99**
● **Android** | **OS 4.1**
| **£2.49/\$3.99**

ULTIMATE GUITAR TABS



Learning chords is the backbone of any guitar lesson and this app presents everything you need to know. From graphically presented chords which you can play immediately to access popular songs to play along to – it all works perfectly.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 5.0**
| **£2.29/\$2.99**
● **Android** | **Varies**
| **£2.35/\$2.99**

5K RUNNER



If you have a goal to run five kilometres, you know that you will need to build up your strength in carefully managed steps. This is where *5K Runner* comes in because the audio instructions and carefully managed programme within, which will guide you every step of the way. There really is nothing to fault here because *5K Runner* truly can change your life.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 8.0**
| **£2.29/\$2.99**



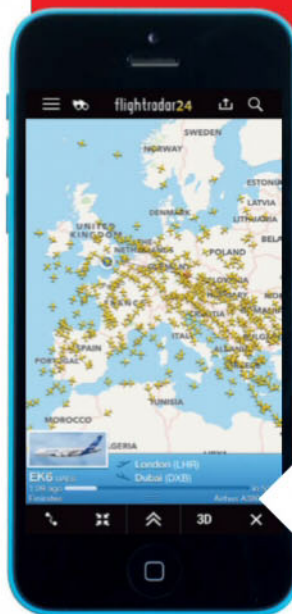
ANGRY BIRDS FIGHT!



Angry Birds are back, but this time in a match-3 game which looks very similar

to the classic *Bejeweled* game and other similar games. There is, however, a twist in that you have to gain enough points to make your bird tougher than its opponent in order to progress. The tiles you match will determine your strength and over time you realise there is more to think about than you initially considered.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 6.0** | **Freemium**
● **Android** | **OS 4.0** | **Freemium**



MAGIC PIANO BY SMULE



Not all of us can play nice tunes on the piano when we would like to so it is nice to have an app like *Magic Piano* available to us, which can offer a sense of musical satisfaction without the need for talent. It feels like a game, but with the end result that your taps on the screen and your timing will make all of the difference between a great sounding song and a muddle mess.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0**
| **Freemium**
● **Android** | **OS 4.0**
| **Freemium**



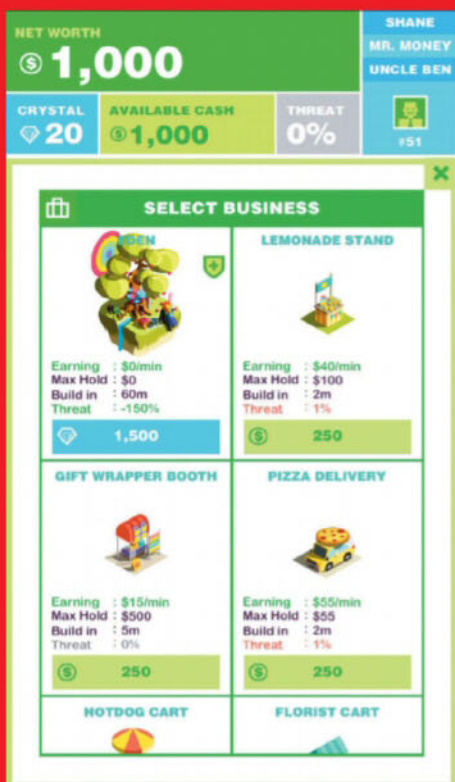
FLIGHTRADAR24 – FLIGHT TRACKER



Whether you want to check on the status of a flight you have relatives travelling on or are just simply interested in planes, *Flightradar24* will offer everything you need. The way the planes are displayed is simply beautiful and you can even see a 3D view of progress plus more advanced data for each flight. A great achievement.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 6.0** | **£2.99/\$3.99**
● **Android** | **Varies** | **£2.49/\$3.99**

“Magic Piano... can offer a sense of musical satisfaction”



With 80 businesses available to you, you can build your empire however you want

BILLIONAIRE.



At first glance *Billionaire.* looks like a deep strategy game and in some ways it is, but it would be more accurate to describe it

as an automated jaunt which will make you a virtual billionaire in no time. You have to set up a variety of businesses, wait for them to be built and then let the money roll in, but there are aspects of the game that do require some strategic thinking to succeed. The online leaderboards offer an incentive to keep trying and all the while you need to be careful not to get caught if you are doing something shady. You can get convicted quite easily from the illegal stuff, which is a shame, but aside from that it will soon grow on you and have you coming back to increase your wealth even further. The graphics are colourful and inviting, and at no point does it feel too aggressive or stressful to play which is always a good sign. If you don't think too hard and just try to enjoy the experience, you will be able to play this game multiple times a day and never get bored with what is presented in front of you. *Billionaire.* is a near perfect fun mobile game.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 6.0** | **Freemium**



EMOJI+



Is it possible to have too many emojis? No, of course it isn't and with this app you have access to a huge variety which are accessed directly from your iPhone or iPad keyboard. It is not limited to the official set and even user-requested ones are available to use at any time. The simple implementation works very well throughout the app and the options are certainly amusing.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0**
| **Freemium**

SPEAK & TRANSLATE LIVE VOICE



You should not be put off by the higher price of this app because it is well worth the money if you travel often. It includes 100 languages and is able to instantly translate spoken words. There is iCloud integration included and offers a new use for your Apple Watch with near perfect support.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0**
| **£7.99/\$9.99**

CHIRPOMATIC



Imagine taking *Shazam* for music and using it to analyse bird sounds instead. This is in effect what *Chirpomatic* does which can be a very useful tool in many different situations. Add to this an original and enticing interface and you are left with an app which is perfect for bird spotters and those with a passing interest in the natural world around them.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0**
| **£1.49/\$1.99**

SONGFLIP – FREE MUSIC PLAYER



SongFlip offers an interface which is even better than the standard iPhone music app and the ability to access millions of tracks in an instant. Your mileage will vary depending on what type of music you prefer, but there should be more than enough content here for anyone who likes to discover new tracks every single day. It just works.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**

WEATHERPRO



If you are going to check the weather forecast, it makes sense to do so in style and this is where *WeatherPro* comes in. The sheer volume of information on offer is astounding with 14-day forecasts, millions of worldwide locations, and satellite and radar imagery to make your phone feel like a miniweather station.

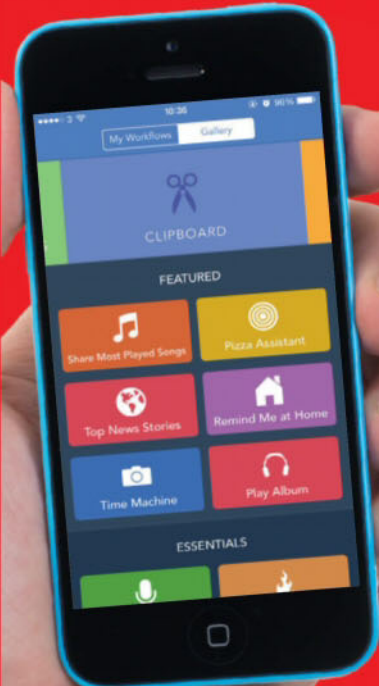
● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.1**
| **£2.49/\$2.99**
● **Android** | **OS 2.3**
| **£2.49/\$2.99**

WORKFLOW: POWERFUL AUTOMATION MADE SIMPLE



Apple devices are limited in terms of how easily you can customise them to undertake specialist tasks and this can make using them quite difficult at times. Thankfully, *Workflow* has been designed to help you get around this by letting you create new automated processes which you can run with just one tap. The creation steps in *Workflow* are much easier than you may expect because it is merely a case of choosing steps and then adding new ones in order until you have a completed workflow that will do exactly what you need it to. For example, you can send files to Dropbox, play a favourite album or set reminders when in specific locations, all set up in minutes. Add to this a huge gallery of premade workflows and you will have access to all of the workflows you need to ensure you save time and get things done more efficiently. Few apps get around the iOS restrictions as well as this.

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | £3.99/\$4.99

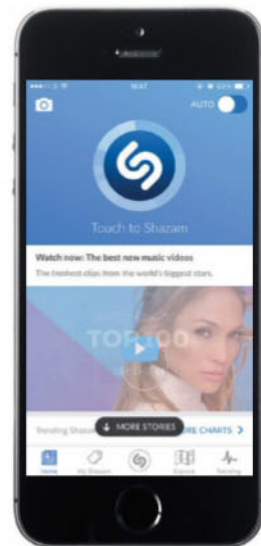


SHAZAM



You know the feeling when you hear a good song in a public place and you love it, but have no idea what it is? With *Shazam* you can simply tap the screen and it will listen until it is recognised, at which point you will be given every single piece of information you need. It can even understand your singing which makes it even more useful.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium
● Android | Varies | Freemium



8 BALL POOL



The beauty of this game lies in the fact that it enables anyone to play pool using controls which do everything possible to even the skill levels between players. With thousands of players online at any time, you will always have a challenge and it is easily possible to play for months on end without spending a penny. A brilliant game.

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Freemium
● Android | OS 2.3 | Freemium



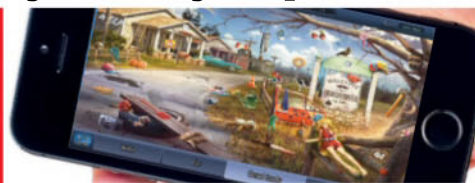
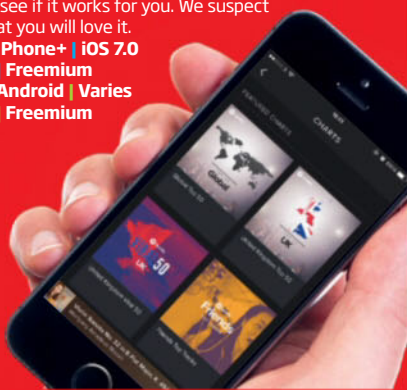
“The creation steps in Workflow are much easier than you may expect”

SPOTIFY MUSIC



Spotify is likely the most popular and influential music streaming service in the world and recent updates have made the mobile apps as easy to use as possible. With cross-platform support and a huge library of tracks and albums available, you really should give *Spotify* a trial to see if it works for you. We suspect that you will love it.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium
● Android | Varies | Freemium



CRIMINAL CASE



This game follows the classic object finding theme that is available elsewhere, but with many extra features that make it feel like a real criminal investigation. You have to find objects and then use what you have found to piece together clues in order to find the perpetrator. It's graphically superb and quite in-depth with much variety.

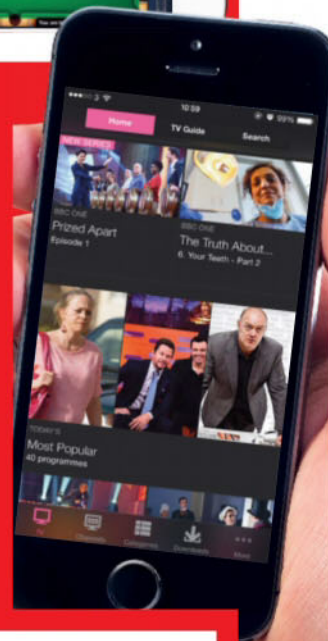
● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Freemium
● Android | OS 4.0 | Freemium

BBC iPLAYER



The BBC iPlayer app has been available for some time now, but recent updates have streamlined the app to make it seamless in use and perfect for your entertainment needs wherever you are. You can watch shows live over mobile connections and also download them to watch them offline if you want, but it is the excellent content available that really does stand out.

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.1.1 | Free
● Android | OS 2.3 | Free



HEADS UP!



Heads Up! turns your phone or tablet into an integral part of this game by making you hold it to your head for others to try and describe what is displayed. The premise is incredibly simple and there are many topics available to purchase which makes it perfect for enjoying with a group of friends. A splendid example of a fun party game.

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | £0.79/\$0.99
● Android | OS 2.3 | Freemium

TRANSISTOR



It's time for you to enjoy console-quality gaming on your phone or tablet with *Transistor*. The environments created within the game are sublime with immersive graphics and a soundtracks to die for. It is an RPG that has been designed perfectly for the hardware and which will keep you playing for hours on end. This is a huge achievement.

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | £7.99/\$9.99

FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S



Originality is the name of the game here with a set of brilliant gameplay mechanics built in to increase your enjoyment. You have to manage the security cameras at Freddy Fazbear's Pizza, but you only have a limited amount of power to complete your tasks.

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.1 | £2.29/\$2.99
● Android | OS 2.3 | £1.92/\$2.99

TIPPING POINT



Tipping Point is a mix of general knowledge, luck and skill which, in theory, makes it perfect for any game show format. The problem is that many game shows do not translate well to mobile, but in this case the entire experience has been re-created perfectly. It is great fun to play, with enough variety to keep you coming back.

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | £1.49/\$1.99
● Android | OS 2.3 | £1.49/\$2.46

FOOTBALL MANAGER HANDHELD 2015



If you are going to manage a virtual football team, you may as well do so using what many consider to be the original game. With every facet of managing a club covered, there is a lot to learn and enjoy here, and it all comes together to immerse you.

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | £6.99/\$8.99
● Android | OS 2.3.3 | £6.99/\$8.99

Plan the perfect wedding

TIE THE KNOT WITH THESE TOP APPS

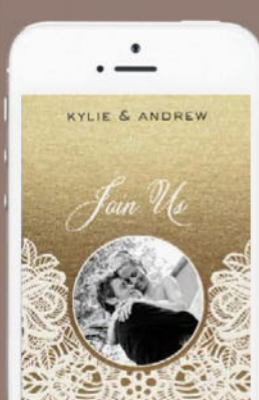
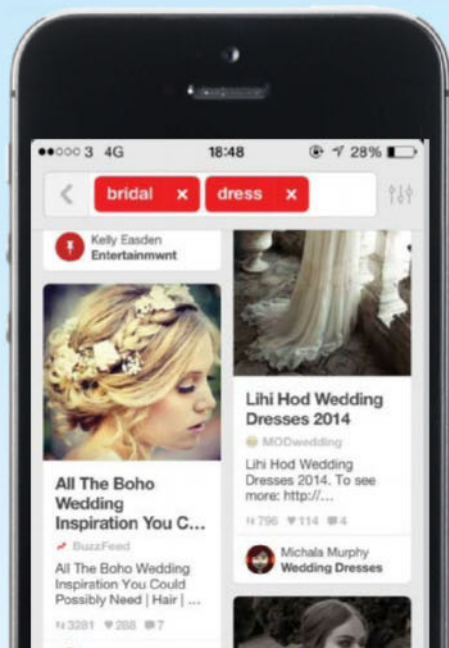


PINTEREST



Have you thought about creating a scrapbook of wedding dress ideas from pictures cut out of magazines and newspapers? Save yourself the expense of all those bridal magazines and download *Pinterest*. This free app allows you to bookmark pictures from around the web, along with links to the original sources, and save them to so-called 'pinboards'. As well as being able to 'pin' images from websites, you can explore the app's huge database of images shared by other users for inspiration. One of the major advantages of *Pinterest* is that you can share pinboards with others, either by making them available publicly on the social network or emailing a link directly. This is great for the bride, groom, mother-in-law, maid of honour or whoever else is involved in the wedding planning to share ideas. Increasingly, wedding florists and cake makers use *Pinterest* as well, so you can send them your pin boards before consultations and even view their work in-app. Alternatively, you can set your pinboards to private and just keep your wedding ideas secret from everyone else.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **Varies** | **Free**



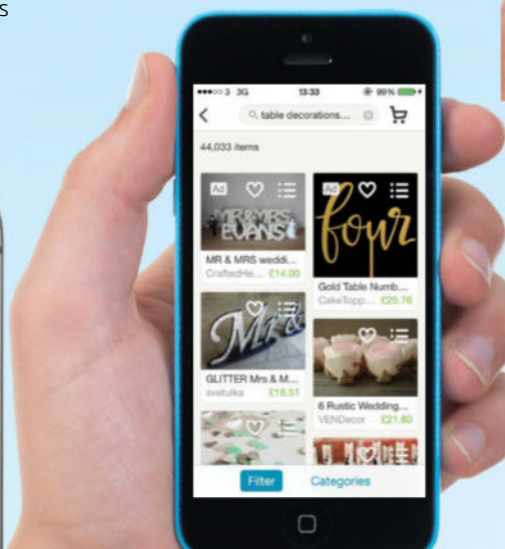
Share moments and essential info with guests using *Appy Couple*

APPY COUPLE



Appy Couple is a great way to share your wedding experience with others. Those that want to shout their love from the rooftops can share wedding prep and even honeymoon pictures. But the app also puts essential info in the palm of guest's hands, allowing them to RSVP with a tap and even buy gifts from your registry. *Appy Couple* is free to download, but requires a one-off sign-up fee.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 6.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **OS 2.2** | **Free**



ETSY

If you're looking for a truly unique centrepiece to decorate tables, *Etsy* is here to help. Like Amazon for artisans, you can buy all sorts of handcrafted goods from this online boutique. As well as being able to shop in-app, you can message craftsman directly for more information or even request a custom commission. All purchases can also be tracked through the app.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **OS 4.0** | **Free**

PLAN THE PERFECT WEDDING

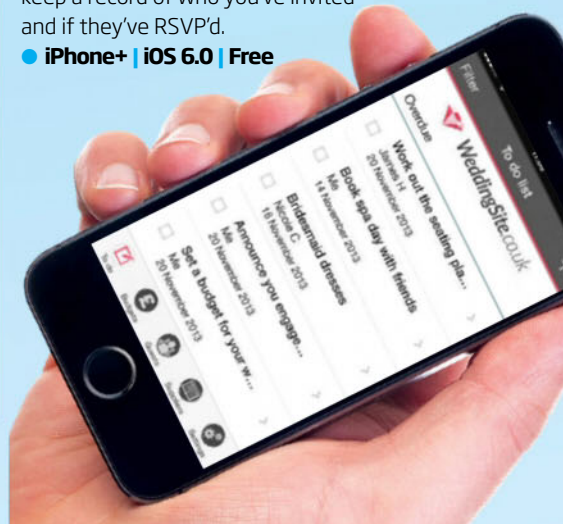
WEDDINGSITE



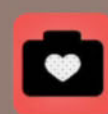
WeddingSite includes a database of 200,000 British suppliers, making it easy to find a caterer, photographer and much more.

To help you stay on track and not over spend, *WeddingSite* also comes with three other features, including a particularly sophisticated budget tracker, a to-do list and a system to keep a record of who you've invited and if they've RSVP'd.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 6.0** | **Free**

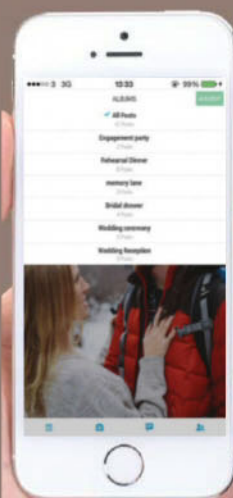


WEDDING PARTY



While you're busy cutting the cake and glad-handing relatives, you often miss out on all the fun that is going on at the friend's table. More relaxed than an official photographer and cheaper than hiring a photo booth, *Wedding Party* enables guests to share photos and even create hilarious GIFs of your dad's dancing. It also makes for a great social network for guests to interact ahead of the event.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **Varies** | **Free**



FAMILY QUICK SIT

During the course of planning your wedding, you will be forced to adjust your seating plan. Whether it's because Aunt Nell falls out with Aunt Gladys or Cousin Josie has popped out a sprog in the time it took you to plan the 'wedding of the century', this will happen. *Family Quick Sit* can help you organise seating, even sorting your guests by age or gender.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 4.2**
| **£2.29/\$2.99**

CALORIE COUNTER & DIET TRACKER



Do you want to slim down to squeeze into that special dress or tux? This free app from *MyFitnessPal* monitors your daily intake using the barcode scanner and gives you regular eating habit reports. It also works with every major fitness app to track how much you exercise. This is a great app for monitoring weight loss goals.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Freemium**
● **Android** | **Varies** | **Freemium**

WEDDING COUNTDOWN



Track how much time you have left until the big day arrives right down to the hours, minutes and seconds. You can make the app your own, with customisation features to change the look as well as set your favourite song to play as an alarm. *Wedding Countdown* will also send you an anniversary alert in the future.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 6.0** | **Freemium**
● **Android** | **OS 3.0** | **Freemium**

WEDDING LOOKBOOK



If *Pinterest* is too unwieldy for you, *Wedding LookBook* by *The Knot* might be a better option. Discover dresses for any wedding style, from modern mermaid silhouettes to classic ball gowns. The app can also provide a list of stockists that carry the dresses that can then be tried on.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **OS 4.0** | **Free**

FUN WEDDING TRADITIONS



Are you attending someone's wedding who has a different religion from you, and not sure what to expect? Perhaps you want to incorporate different cultures into your own ceremony? While you might blanch at paying for an app for this, *Free Wedding Traditions* provides an easy-to-search compendium of customs.

● **iPhone** | **iOS 3.0**
| **£0.79/\$0.99**

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PICK OF THE SCORES...

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JUILLIARD OPEN STUDIOS

LOVE ART? WHETHER NOVICE OR CONNOISSEUR, THIS IS MUSIC TO THE EARS

PROS/CONS

- ▲ The app uses appropriate interactions
- ▲ The videos are well shot and packed with experienced people
- ▼ Each video takes up between 80 and 150MB of space
- ▼ You have to pay a monthly subscription for the videos



The Juilliard School is one of the world's finest performing arts conservatories. But if that conjures up images of elitist pomp, then this app will go a long way to dispelling any myths.

On first glance *Juilliard Open Studios* appears to be a simple video app offering straightforward episodes about high-end artistic processes and performance, but you soon realise that it is entirely approachable and entertaining.

Below From music to dance, the genres covered are wide and varied, ensuring all disciplines are covered

Most of the episodes' chapters are interactive but not in a gimmicky sense. Rather, each element is designed to give you a greater educational insight into rehearsals, coaching and classes, providing a masterclass for those unable to attend the school itself. There are so many different approaches to this. Should you wish to gain a greater understanding of the evolution of choreography, you can use the app's multilayered video comparison. If you want to learn about the synergistic relationship between dance and music, you can see both disciplines enacted side by side, tapping on either to view in fullscreen.

Being able to watch footage of a brilliant teenage pianist taught by piano pedagogue Yoheved Kaplinsky is a joy but more so because pop-ups appear in the right-hand corner, offering video explanations of key topics. As you watch and listen to her play, you can listen to commentary and see the score, enhancing your enjoying and giving you a lesson at the same time. And given the high level of the teaching, you feel as if you are really learning something.

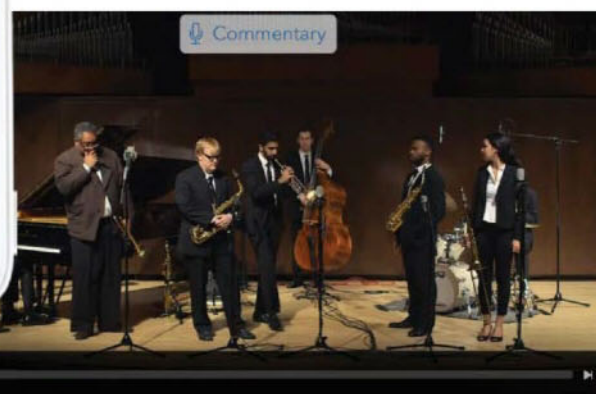
Indeed, from Marcelo Gomes to Larry Keigwin, the well-shot videos ooze experience, making for a highly professional app; intuitive in its make-up and yet complex in its delivery. Note that it works on a subscription basis. But still, it's a small price to pay for those with a strong interest in the arts.

With high production values and lots of educational and enlightening information, arts students and lovers will adore this app.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.1 | Freemium | v1.0.1

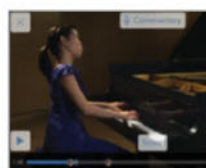
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Above The well-shot videos can explain concepts and methods

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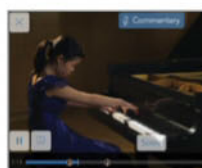
Use the interactive features



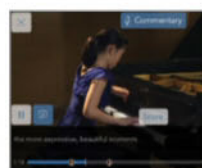
01 Tap screen As the video plays, tap the screen to see all of the options that are available to you.



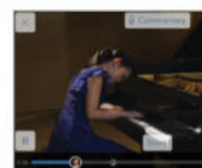
02 See the Score Tap on Score which enables us to see exactly what the pianist is playing.



03 Commentary Listen to an explanation in the videos by simply tapping the Commentary button.



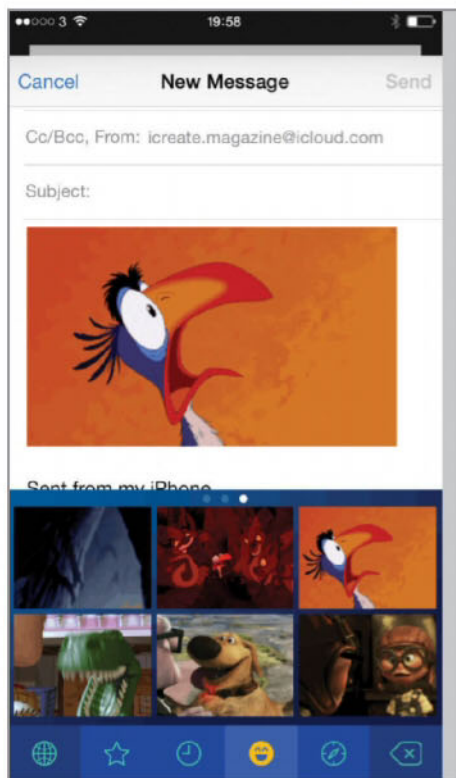
04 Subtitles too And if you want to read along, you can do this too by tapping the subtitle button.



05 Timeline As the video plays, you see small circles on the timeline. These indicate interactive elements.

DISNEY GIF

THE GIFS ARE STRONG WITH THIS ONE



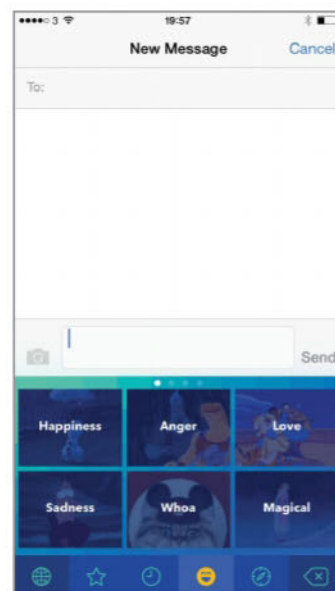
You can send GIFs from Disney's most memorable scenes via email and text

Gif Aubergine, star, sad face. If you have no idea what we're talking about, then perhaps trying to decipher what a sentence of emojis means is just too difficult a task for you. Thankfully, Disney has made these kinds of keyboard inputs much easier to understand with their new app *Disney Gif*.

Using GIFs from your favourite Disney movies, you can send the perfect reaction images to your friends and family. All you have to do is enable the *Disney Gif* keyboard on your device. The interface is a bit clunky and sometimes difficult to use though, but all this can be forgiven considering the amount of GIFs on offer here.

From *Star Wars* to *Alice in Wonderland*, to ABC TV shows like *Once Upon A Time* and the newest Pixar releases, there are plenty of perfect scene captures to share and entertain. The GIFs themselves are sorted by company and then film if applicable. But you can also find the perfect GIF via the emotion you want to convey or by what you had most recently used in your messages.

You can't, however, share the GIFs via *Facebook* or *Twitter* or any other of the usual social media apps, you can only send them on



Left You can sort the GIFs by emotion as well as by their film

in other apps if they enable the copying and pasting of images. You can also buy more GIF packs if you wish but there are still plenty to use if you stick to the free option, which is refreshing considering Disney is making the GIFs of the biggest franchises like *Star Wars* absolutely free from the beginning.

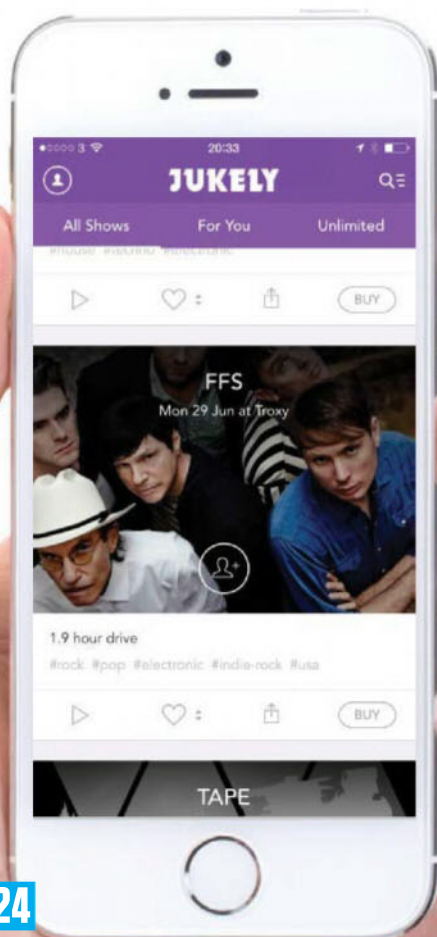
A solid option for entertaining GIFs from the top Disney movies. Best of all, it's free!

★★★★★

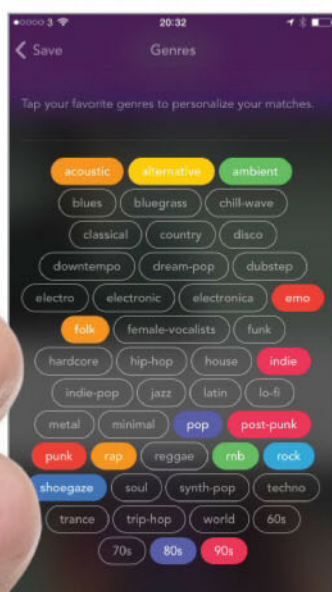
● **iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Freemium | v1.0**
<http://bit.ly/disneygifios>

JUKELY

EMBRACE THE SOCIAL AND UPGRADE YOUR CONCERT EXPERIENCES



J Forget Spotify, the next big kid on the music block is *Jukely*. Just choose your favourite genres and city, and *Jukely* starts recommending gigs to go to. There are several cities to choose from – but London is the only



Above Tap some genres and *Jukely* will start recommending concerts

available UK option unfortunately. You can also sync *Jukely* with your iTunes library, Spotify and Last.fm accounts for more recommendations.

The search is clumsy, but once you find a genre you want to see, shows are sorted by date with a play button for you to have a quick listen of the artist, and tells you if any of your friends are interested in that gig. *Jukely* also determines if the gig is suited to you with a viewable percentage, but the algorithm here seems unreliable as a 30 per cent match was brought up to the front of our recommended list – although this may be because there just weren't many concerts available from the app for London.

There are however, plenty of helpful options once you're interested in a gig, like an option to add door times to your *Calendar*.

The real deal-breaker here though seems to be *Jukely Unlimited*: a £25 monthly subscription that gets you into any amount of *Jukely* shows you want. It's just a shame that there are so few *Jukely* gigs available for London currently.

Potentially a great way of experiencing music in the flesh, but it'll take time for more gigs to appear.

★★★★★

● **iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v3.1.2**
<http://bit.ly/jukelyios>



CLIP2COMIC



There is no doubting the clever way that this app can convert videos and photos to look as if they have been hand-drawn in a variety of cartoon styles. The results are impressive and it is great fun to use initially, but over time you may start to realise that the opportunities to use your creations may be limited. It's certainly worth using for the occasional edit, but you won't be using it that often unless you have many cartoon-crazy friends.

A very clever photo and video manipulation app which is at times impressive.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0
| Freemium | v1.3.0



EMIL & PAULINE IN THE CITY



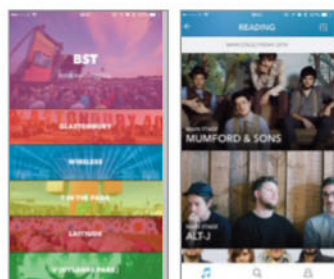
This app is perfect for younger children for a number of reasons.

The basic premise of finding objects is not new, but we appreciate the ambitious nature of the environments they will need to explore and the way it encourages them to try harder. This has the potential to help improve awareness and fill up a lot of time in an educational way. Some may find it too hard, but for others it will offer a myriad of benefits.

Young children will love the simple sophistication this app offers them.

★★★★★

● iPad | iOS 5.1
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.0



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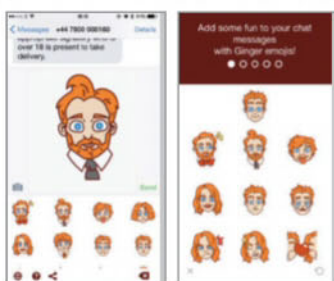
Festvl offers all of the obvious information you will need when attending a music

festival from site maps and weather reports to real-time updates. The full schedule of each festival is included alongside connections to Spotify and iTunes so that you can be familiar with acts before you watch them and every part of the app you view will be available even if you're without internet connection. It covers all of your festival needs perfectly.



The perfect companion for any number of festivals.

★★★★★
● iPad+ | iOS 7.1
| £0.79/\$0.99 | v1.0.1



GINGER EMOJI



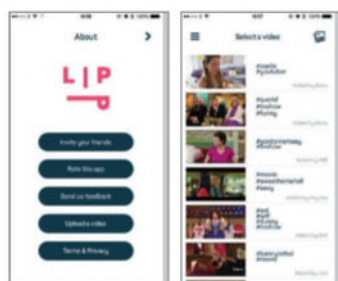
Some may view the subject of this app as a sensitive one, but when you think about

it there really is a sparsity of emoji featuring people with red hair. This app solves that, with a library of ginger-haired stickers for all occasions. To use them, just copy and paste a sticker from the app to your messages. Impressively, the app plays well with a wide variety of platforms, from Facebook Messenger, to Twitter, Google Keep and more.

A bizarre idea for an app which may actually be useful for some people.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.0
● Android | OS 4.0 | Free | v1.2



LIPP



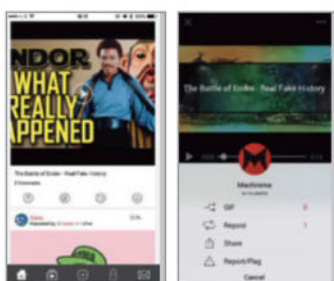
The simple way that LIPP works hides that fact that with some time and patience you

can create a variety of hilarious videos. There are a selection of well-known clips included which you can voice over by holding one button, or you can import other clips from friends and family to share a private joke. All that is left then is to share the results for others to enjoy. This app does not do much, but it is a fun diversion and worth a look as it is free.

A fun app which is easy to use. If you want to impress friends, give it a try.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| Free | v1.3



MACHINIMA



Machinima is designed to present a variety of videos to those who enjoy the gamer

culture and despite the potentially niche audience, it works very well indeed. You will obviously need to have a liking for the general subject and if so, you will find yourself immersed in a huge variety of videogame-related videos which could take up a lot of your time. Machinima is very much a cultured app.

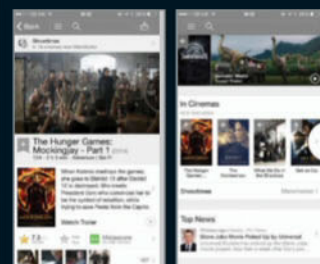
If you enjoy the gamer culture, you will love the content on offer here.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 8.1 | Free | v2.17
● Android | OS 4.1
| Freemium | v3.0.2

TOP 05
apps to...

FOR FILM LOVERS



01 IMDB MOVIES & TV

Packed with information on just about every film ever made, the IMDb app is not only incredibly comprehensive but it also comes with trailers, photos, reviews and more.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v5.6
● Android | Varies | Free | Varies

02 NETFLIX

Netflix requires a monthly subscription but it offers up thousands of films (and TV programmes), each of which can be slickly streamed to your phone or tablet.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v 7.1.5
● Android | Varies | Free | Varies

03 MY MOVIES FOR IPAD PRO

Most dedicated film buffs still have a healthy collection of DVDs and Blu-rays. Snap their barcodes using the iPad camera and catalogue them all with this app.

★★★★★

● iPad | iOS 5.0
| £4.99/\$6.99 | v1.95
● Android | OS 2.2
| £4.99/\$6.99 | v1.95

04 MOVIES BY FLIXSTER – ROTTEN TOMATOES

Want to watch trailers, create 'must-see' lists, rate, review and read up on movies? Get this app. It also looks up showtimes at your local cinema and hooks into Netflix.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v7.4
● Android | Varies | Free | Varies

05 ACTION MOVIE FX

All film buffs would love a bit of Hollywood in their lives. This app takes your videos and adds some special effects to them.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.1.1
| Freemium | v 2.8

PROTECT YOUR PASSWORD

KEEP YOUR PASSWORDS UNDER LOCK AND KEY WITH THESE ENCRYPTED APPS



LASTPASS

An award-winning password manager that's all about accessibility, *LastPass* gives you the ability to access each one of your passwords from every single computer and mobile device you own. There is a catch, of course, and although the app is pitched as 'free', there's going to be a mandatory £8.99 upgrade after two weeks. Useful but slightly deceptive, with the free version actually doubling as a two week trial.

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● iPhone+ | iOS 5.1.1
| Freemium
● Android | Varies | Freemium

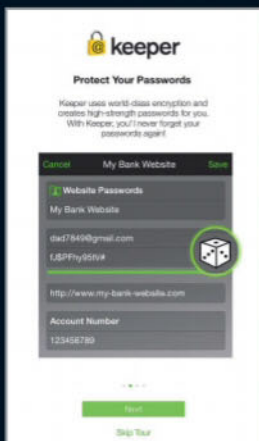


KEEPER PASSWORD MANAGER

A safe, universal storage solution, *Keeper Password Manager* will let you store passwords, files, photos, videos, and bank information in its digital vault. On-device storage is free, though there are subscription services for those who want cloud access and more space. A solid, and free, option if you're looking for device specific security.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| Freemium
● Android | OS 3.0 | Freemium

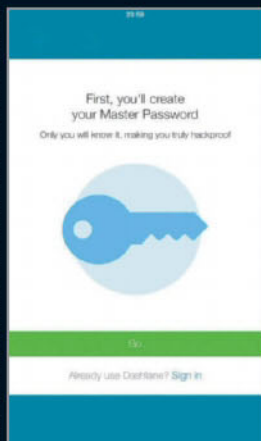


DASHLANE

Dashlane will grant you the power to keep track of your passwords, with the app locking your personal info behind a 'master password' in a bid to offer security and accessibility in equal measure. It sounds good on paper and it's even better in practice, but as you've surely guessed, you'll need pay a yearly subscription if you want the full package. Secure and simple: *Dashlane* will keep you safe, but only if you're willing to pay.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0
| Freemium
● Android | OS 4.0 | Freemium

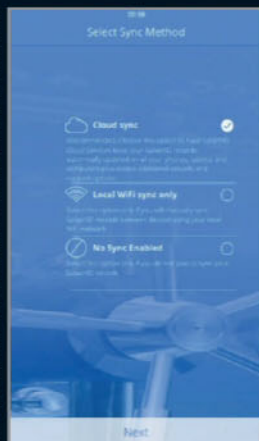


SPLASHID

With 12 years of experience under its belt, it's no surprise *SplashID* can claim to be the world's most trusted password system. Designed to be a veritable Fort Knox for your passwords, passports, and even credit card information, *SplashID* offers a multitude of storage options to help you find the option that's right for you. Whether you want to keep your password or passport safe, this is a great all-in-one.

★★★★★

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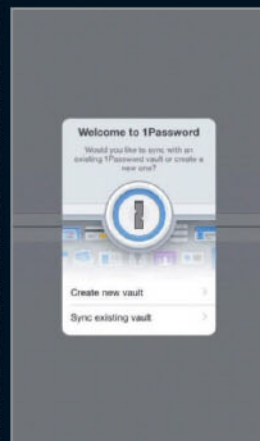


1PASSWORD

Android, iPhone, iPad, and even Apple Watch-compatible, *1Password* is the perfect choice for those after a truly universal security solution. Focusing purely on passwords and credit card details, *1Password* creates unique passwords for each site you visit, remembering them all to let you log in with one simple tap. It really is as easy as that. *1Password* does exactly what it says on the tin.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0
| Freemium
● Android | OS 4.0 | Freemium



ALEXI

BROADEN YOUR READING HORIZONS WITH ADVICE FROM FAMOUS AUTHORS



Even though the internet has altered our reading habits, for many of us there are still few greater pleasures than picking up a good book.

The likes of Amazon will use their algorithms to recommend tomes that you may like based on your previous reads, but a lot of the fun in reading is being surprised and stretched. For that, you want a respected steer and that is where *Alexi* is hoping to come in. By allowing guest curators and its in-house team to generate weekly lists of recommendations, the app seeks to expand your horizons.

When it begins, it asks you to select some curators. Each of them come with a biography so even if you are not familiar with their work, you can at least see what makes them tick and figure if their recommendations may work well for you. When you have selected the ones you like, you can read their lists. Each book recommendation comes with a well-written synopsis of its content as well as the option to add it to your own list. If you like the curator's article you can favourite this too. And because there are options to

PROS/CONS

- ▲ There are some big-name authors involved as curators
- ▲ You can build reading lists based on recommendations
- ▼ You can't leave your own comments
- ▼ It is not possible to directly purchase the books listed

share these finds with others via social media, email and SMS, the entire experience is widened out.

That's as social as it gets though. You can't make comments on the book pages and you can't read the thoughts of others. The descriptions are also written by *Alexi* so if you are following a guest curator - and they number some very well-known authors including John le Carré and William Boyd - you don't get to discover exactly why they have chosen a particular read.

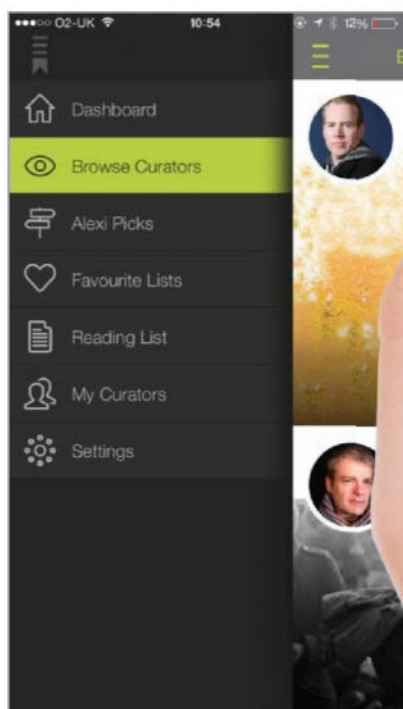
Neither can you buy the books through the *Alexi* app. For that you will have to head back to the likes of Amazon. This may change in time as the app grows. Yet, *Alexi* remains an essential app for bookworms and it will be hard to find such solid curation elsewhere.

A promising start from *Alexi* that looks to bring app-based curation to the world of books.

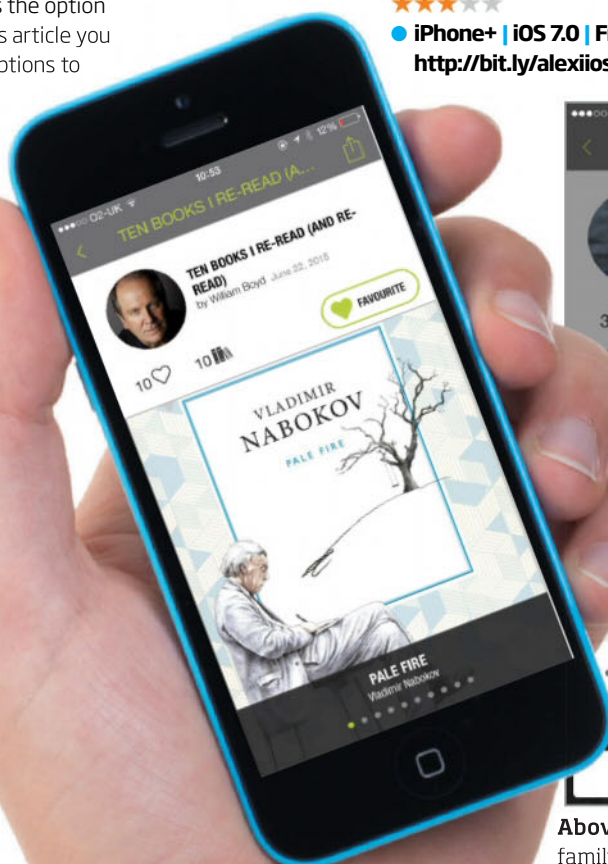


● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.0

<http://bit.ly/alexios>



Above Getting around the app is easy, with a clear drop-down menu available



Above You can a page with friends and family via various methods

HOW TO

Build your reading list



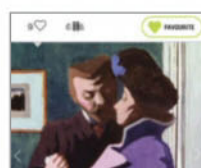
01 Pick curators

When the app begins, it asks you to select at least one of the curators presented.



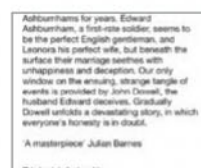
02 Read up

You can then read a short but comprehensive biography on each of the curators available.



03 Favourite a list

The curators put together lists of books in themes. Save a list by tapping Favourite.



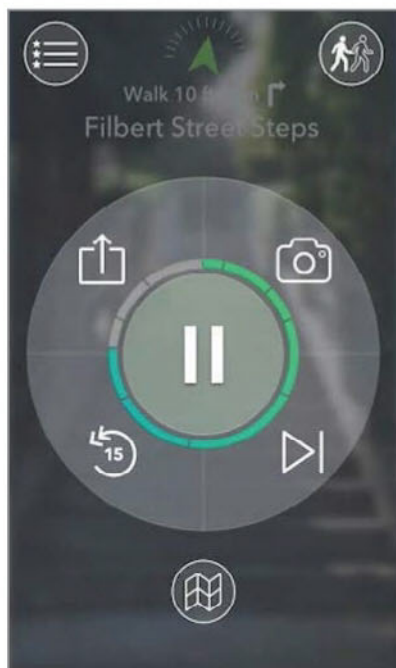
04 Read more

Each book is described and comes with a quote, but not usually one written by the curators.

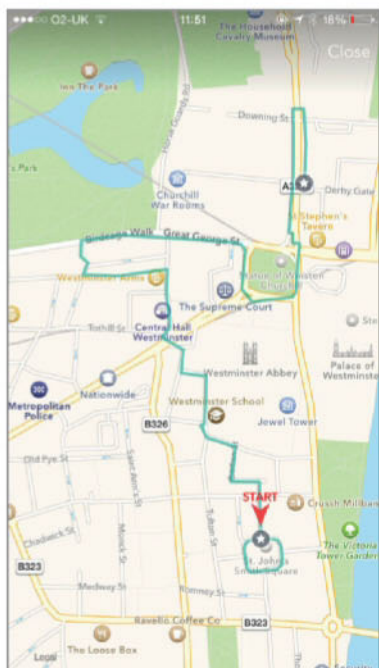


05 Add to list

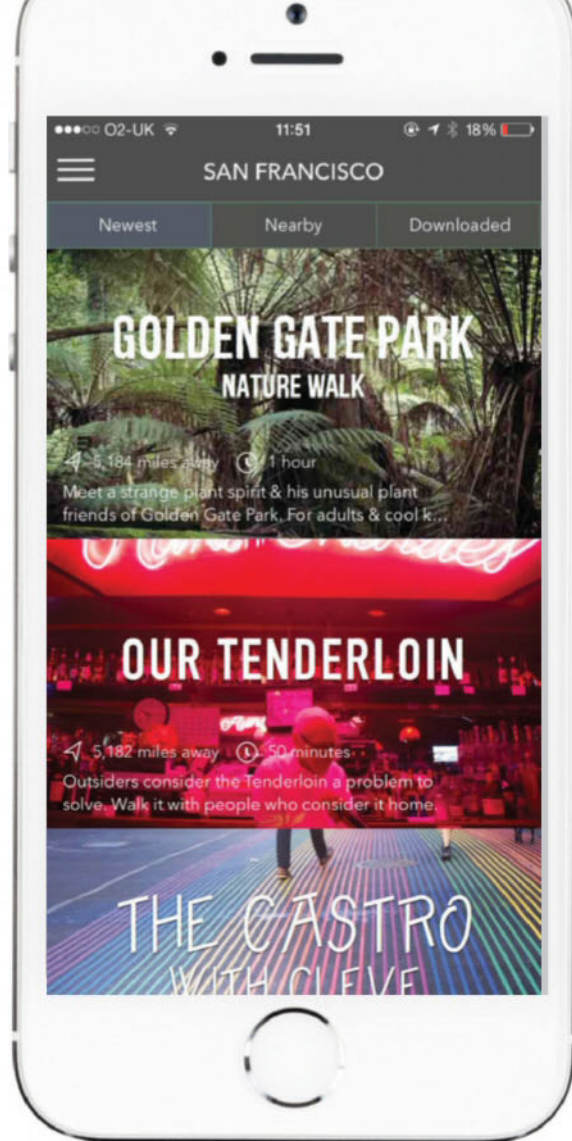
Select Add to List, tap the menu button and your selection will be added to the reading list.



Above As you walk, you can take control, taking photos and pausing whenever you want



Above There are lots of cities to choose from but San Francisco is currently the main focus



DETOUR

TURNING THE TABLES ON TYPICAL HOLIDAYS

PROS/CONS

- ▲ The guides are produced by professionals
- ▲ You don't have to keep looking at your phone or a map
- ▼ It could work out expensive without a subscription
- ▼ There needs to be more content available



Sightseeing is a great way to broaden your horizons, giving you the chance to view great architecture and areas of historical interest. But going around with a guide book in your hand and trying to grasp what you are seeing at the same time isn't perfect. Neither is viewing what everyone else is already heading for.

Detour lets you experience cities in a different way. It gives you audio-guided walks for three US cities – Austin, New York and San Francisco – as well as four from Europe (Barcelona, Berlin, London and Paris) and one from Africa (Marrakesh). Of those, San Fran is the most fleshed out but as time goes on, we expect more content for the others too.

When you select a city, you are able to choose a particular area or a certain interest that takes you off the beaten track. For example, there is a walk around San Francisco's Golden Gate Park that is slanted towards the enjoyment of the plants. In London, you can discover a 1,000-year-old revolution in Clerkenwell and in Paris, you

can explore the city's illegal underbelly. As you walk along, you can take photos or share your location and experience.

You have to purchase each guide individually so it could get expensive if you want to engage in multiple trips but each one works the same and there is an annual subscription option available. The guides last an hour and they let you navigate at your own pace. If you are with friends, then you can sync the guides. The audio will then helpfully tell you where to turn and what to look at.

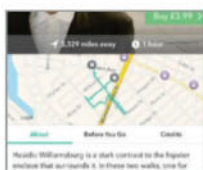
The developers promise new content each month so return visits to a city can become varied. You can also listen to a preview in high-quality audio of each walk. And as they're produced by radio producers, local journalists, artists and tour guides – they are authoritative and knowledgeable. **We love the idea and the quality - we'll never idly stare at buildings in wonder again.**



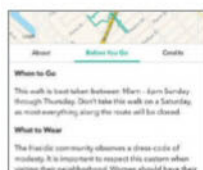
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SHOWCASE

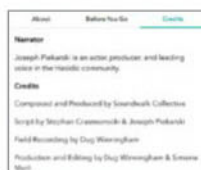
Finding your way around Detour



01 Choosing a walk There are different walks to choose from, each one themed with an interesting angle.



02 Before You Go You can use this feature to check the best time to embark on the walk.



03 Credentials Each walk is narrated and scripted by someone with knowledge of the area.



04 The maps The walks are premapped so you can see the route before you buy the audio.



05 Subscribe To make the most of *Detour*, you will need to sign up, subscription options are available too.

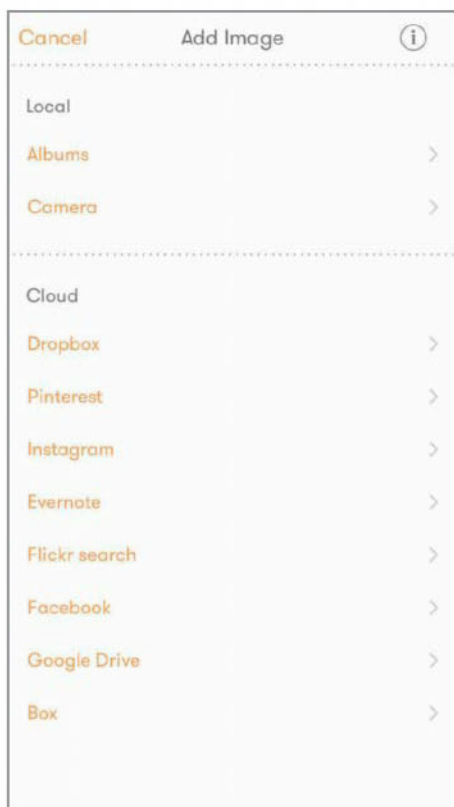
CURATOR

CHECK OUT YOUR TASKS,
WRITE NOTES AND ADD
IMAGES ONE TILE AT A TIME



We've seen a ton of notebook apps here on **Apps Magazine**, but perhaps not one as visually intensive as *Curator*. The app uses a 25-tile checkerboard that houses your daily thoughts, website information or even saved images in a colourful and creative fashion. Any items added to your book can be switched between pages and tiles to suit your tastes, or even formatted to remove the data they contain. A finished checkerboard can certainly look fantastic, but depending on what you fill each tile with, they can be a little slow to load when you try and open them.

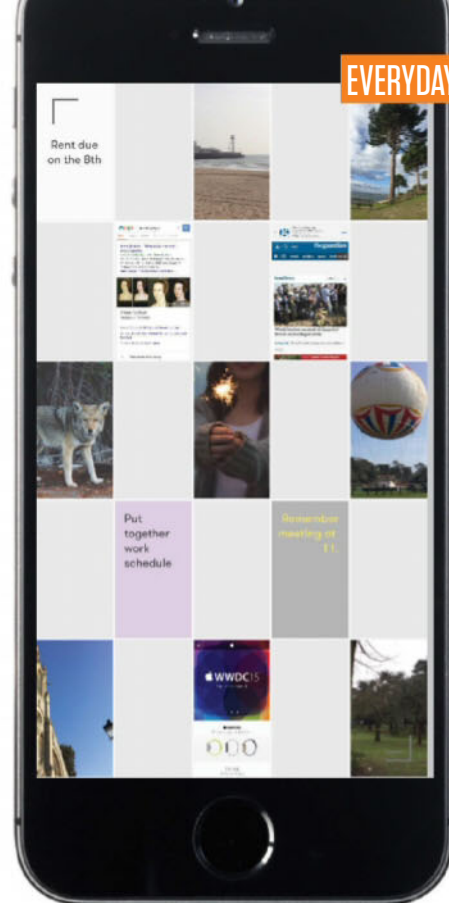
To add something to an empty tile it's simply a case of tapping on it and selecting an input method. Selecting the image option will enable you to search your camera role, or from a number of social networks, while the web search turns a search query into an online hunt for images. Text input is the final choice, but



Above Add details from your favourite sites

the lack of font and colour choices will leave some users wanting more. Importing images is also on the slow side and in some cases we found the app just crashed instead.

Note-taking is a tried and tested formula for an app, and while we applaud *Curator* for trying something different, the current product



EVERYDAY

is a little too slow and bug heavy for us to recommend to others.

While the app certainly looks great, it's let down by performance issues.

★★★★★

● **iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Freemium | v3.0.2**
<http://bit.ly/curatorios>

FIT MEN COOK

EAT YOUR WAY TO A
HEALTHIER LIFESTYLE



Grabbing a slice of pizza is easy, right? But you won't be surprised to know that there are much healthier alternatives out there. *Fit*

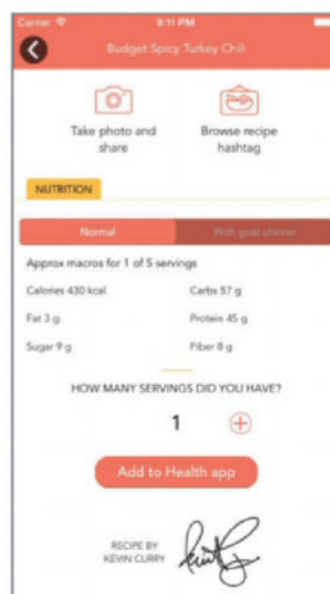
Men Cook looks to help novice cooks rustle up tasty, cheap and healthy meals that won't leave them stranded in the kitchen for too long.

As well as providing access to hundreds of text-based recipes, most are accompanied by in-depth video instructions so that you can follow at your own pace.

Embedded videos can sometimes be a little unresponsive and crash frequently, but they're certainly great for less confident cooks. After regularly using the app, you can collate your favourite recipes into your own grocery list, so you'll know all the ingredients you need to buy, while noting the ones you should really avoid.

If you then want to take it to the next level, you can spend some time exploring the nutritional information section of the app, which is used to track your daily calorie and protein intake.

Fit Men Cook is nowhere near as in-depth as downloading an independent



Left Keep track of your daily carb and protein intake

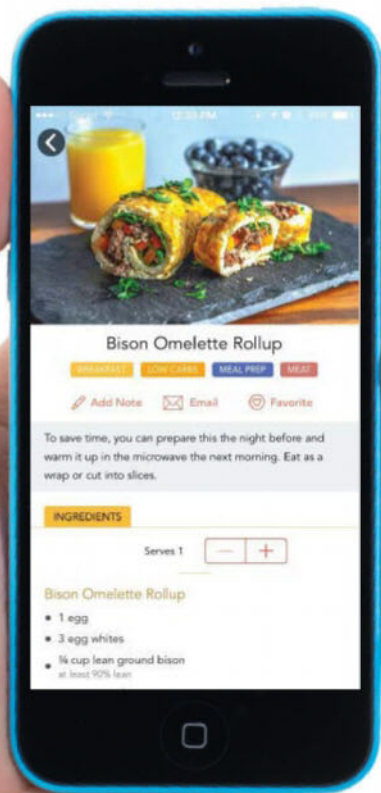
fitness tracker, but the core features do work very well here.

For those who are looking for a suitably easy way to start cooking healthy meals from scratch, *Fit Men Cook* is by no means the best app for it on the market, but it's certainly worth flicking through to pick up some inspiration.

The selection of recipes within *Fit Men Cook* rivals many of its competitors.

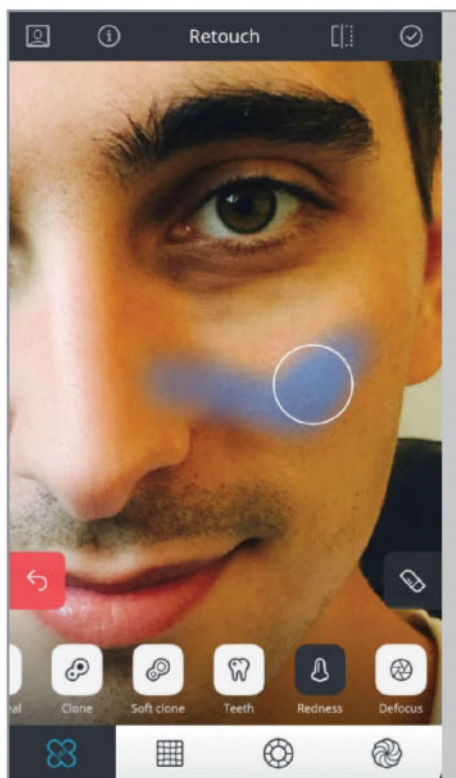
★★★★★

● **iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | £2.29/\$2.99 | v1.0.0**
<http://bit.ly/fitmencookios>



RELOOK

YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOVE THE SKIN YOU'RE IN



How do we achieve good-looking skin? Drink lots of water? Moisturise? With *Relook*, you don't have to go to all that trouble for a simple photo. Just retouch and go.

Boasting Bright-3 technology to provide as natural looking results as possible, *Relook* has many alteration brushes for a photo such as smoothing out skin pores, removing blemishings and cloning an area like facial hair to fill in any gaps in a beard. As long as you're careful with your fingertips, the results can be astonishing like it was for the Smooth brush – but we weren't very impressed with the teeth whitening option, which provided a chalk-like exterior to the teeth.

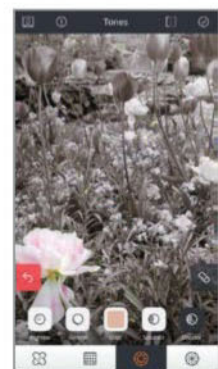
Trying to alternate between moving around a photo and zooming in was a bit fiddly too but learning to use the brushes was easy. We also liked that changing brush sizes was as simple as zooming into an area.

Once you've finished editing, there are the regular iOS options available for sharing or you can post the photo to Instagram or even

Left The Smooth brush was very impressive, smoothing out skin naturally



Above After painting an area, *Relook* helpfully shows which parts have already been covered



Above You can of course edit other photos in *Relook* as well, and create some artsy edits

export it as a lossless image to Photoshop... for another £2.99. It's a bit of an annoying additional payment if you want this feature considering the app wasn't free to begin with. But otherwise, *Relook* has everything else you may need for retouches.

***Relook* clears up skin amazingly well for quick pictures.**

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | £2.99 /\$3.99 | v1.0.2
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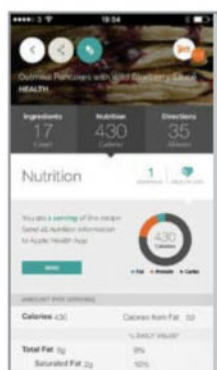
YUMMLY

RECIPES FOR SUCCESS

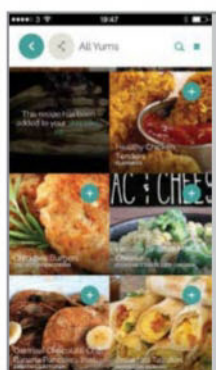


For a beautiful recipe app, look no further: *Yummly* has all you need and more with options that you didn't even know you wanted.

Yummly's great for looking up recipes suited to your tastes as the search filters are helpfully separated into diets, courses, prep time and cuisine to name a few. You can even search by the nutritional values, like if you wanted a low-sugar dessert, or by technique, for example if you wanted to test a new blender.



Above Recipes display nutritional information



Above Search for recipes by filtering ingredients

The recipes are reliable, informative and accompanied by mouthwateringly big pictures. Each recipe has a serving count that can be adjusted to automatically give you new amounts of each ingredient, and these can then be added to a shopping list within the app. You can add to this list with ingredients outside of *Yummly* should you want to remember to top up on something in your fridge – just scan the barcode of whatever's running low and *Yummly* will do all the work for you.

The app is truly a pleasure to use, gestures are smooth and animations are fluid too. There are several buttons to go alongside the many features available, all without being overbearing and difficult to use.

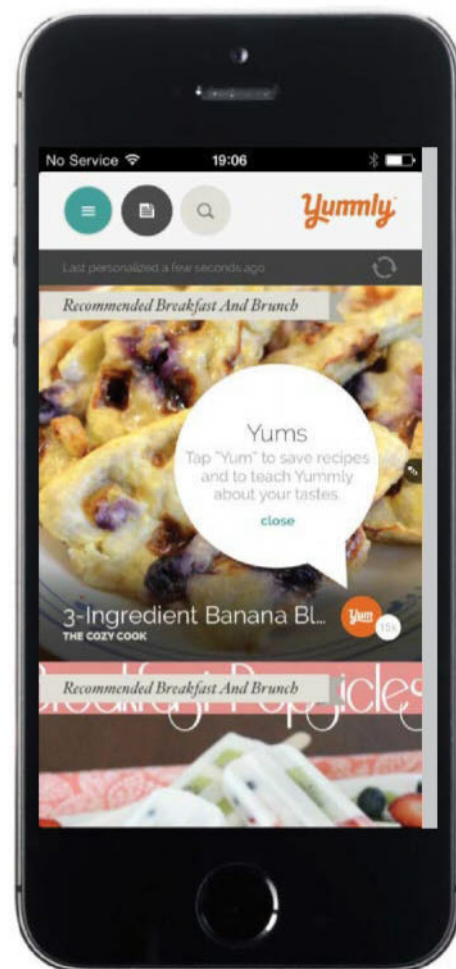


With a bundle of recipes, *Yummly* is a comprehensive app with user experience in mind.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.10
<http://bit.ly/yummlyios>
● Android | OS 4.1 | Free | V1.0.5
<http://bit.ly/yummlyand>

Right Tapping Yum on a recipe will help the app recommend other recipes





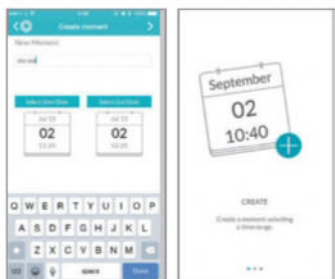
ATMOS



Atmos looks like one of many other weather apps in that it attempts to break

down the current conditions and forecast in to a simple visual form. It is elegantly designed and does what it should, but so do many other apps. The difference here is that the widget is particularly impressive and so is the way it works on an Apple Watch. When used at a glance, it offers an even more professional experience which is hard to compete against. **A simple weather app with some useful and clever functionality built in.**

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| £2.29/\$2.99 | v1.0



KOLEKTIO



If you worry about sharing photos and the security implications of doing

so, this app may seem like the ideal solution. The main concern you may have, however, is that you need to hand over your phone number to use it and give full access to all your contacts – so a certain level of trust is required. But it does a good job of capturing your new photos and letting you share them securely, but the advantages are somewhat limited.

Secure photo sharing in an app which is maybe a bit too secure for some?

★★★★★
● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v2.0.3



ELLO



Ello was once billed as a potential competitor to Twitter and there are many reasons to believe it could be. The simplistic design is a joy to use and the way that media is put at the centre of the experience never takes your eye away from the good stuff, but there is one crucial element missing. The current lack of members and therefore activity means that it can feel like a barren experience at times which is the last thing you would want from any social network.

A clever idea which deserves to do well, but it's struggling to gain traction.

★★★★★
● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.0.3



OBSCURA

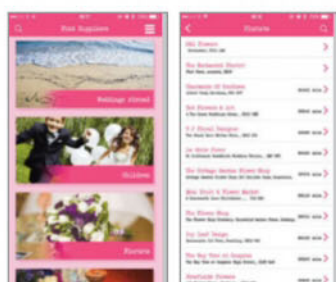


The interface within Obscura Camera and the way it works are quite splendid,

making it one of the easiest to use camera apps. You can use live filters and exposure controls on screen to see what is happening as you take a shot which usually provides a much improved result. The main problem currently is one of stability because in our tests it locked up a few times and then crashed. A lot more stability is needed for it to truly stand out.

A potentially good camera app, but it has a few issues that need to be fixed.

★★★★★
● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.0



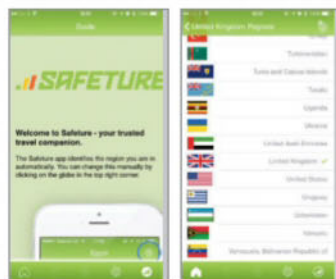
HOLY BRIDAL



Holy Bridal is designed to help you organise every important part of

your big day and has been built to offer recommendations such as local florists, photographers and more. The design is quite pretty, if a little old-fashioned, and the recommendations the app gives you can be hard to read at times, but there is no doubt that the information on offer will be very useful even with some geographical result anomalies. **A competent wedding helper which could find you the contact you need.**

★★★★★
● iPad+ | iOS 7.1 | Free | v1.1.1
● Android | OS 3.0 | Free | v1.1



SAFETURE



Safeture is designed to offer peace of mind and crucial information to

travellers when they are abroad. It offers real-time warnings which include travel delays and natural disasters, and it also lets you inform relatives of your whereabouts automatically. The interface is logical and it all works as it should which makes the subscription charge acceptable.

For travellers who will benefit from the app, it will be extremely useful.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| Freemium | v1.1.2.4
● Android | OS 2.2
| Freemium | v1.2



TOP 05
apps to...

SNAP PHOTOS



01 MANUAL – CUSTOM EXPOSURE CAMERA

With great independent control over shutter speed, ISO, white balance, focus and more, Manual is a professional-grade camera app for iOS 8.0 that can help make your photos truly shine.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v 1.0.1

02 VSCO CAM

Aimed at the creative photographer, this app boasts manual focus, ISO and exposure compensation while providing many cool filter effects. It also has a built-in editing package with before and after comparisons.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v 4.2.9
● Android | OS 4.0 | Free | v 3.3.4

03 VIVIDHDR

For photos with clarity and detail, very few camera apps can beat vividHDR. It takes a series of vibrant images and pulls them together, while providing intricate control for a cool final result.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v 2.1

04 HYPERLAPSE

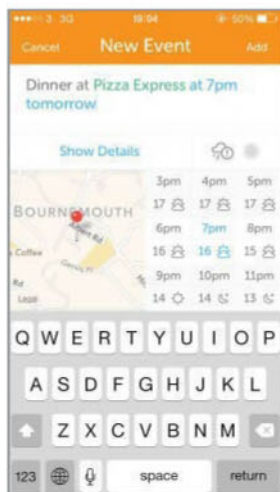
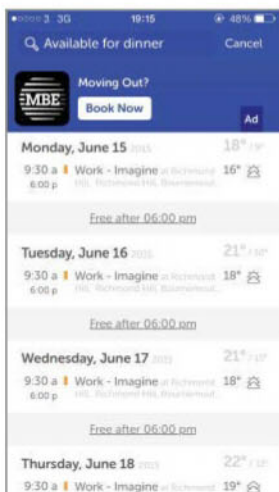
Created by Instagram, Hyperlapse lets you produce stunning time-lapse videos. It comes with a brilliant stabilisation feature so your shots don't look wonky and instead feel effortlessly cinematic.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v 1.1.7

05 SIMPLYB&W | SIMPLY PHOTOGRAPHY IN B&W

If you enjoy the dramatic quality offered by black-and-white photos, then this app has all the tools you need with six coloured lens filters and simulated film grain.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.5.8



PROS/CONS

- ▲ Smart, colourful design and an intuitive interface
- ▲ Weather integration is neatly done and genuinely useful
- ▼ Navigation can be just a little sluggish at times
- ▼ No tablet or desktop companion apps

Far left Search for when you're available and *Horizon* will quickly show you the gaps in your schedule



Calendar apps are ten-a-penny in the App Store. Some strive for minimalism, some are overloaded with bells and whistles and some provide a single, nifty feature in the hope that they'll stand out from the crowd. It's tempting to see *Horizon 3* as a bit of a gimmick, but to write it off would be doing the combined calendar and weather app a disservice.

Not only does it take care of the basics well, *Horizon 3*'s 'gimmick' turns out to be an incredibly useful feature – though it's far from the first calendar app to include weather info. *Horizon 3* lists upcoming events alongside the corresponding weather forecast, and the layout is clean and legible at any of the three font sizes.

Entering new events using natural language works a treat, too. Typing 'dinner at Pizza Express at 7pm tomorrow' will yield exactly the results you'd expect, with critical information nicely colour coded and *Horizon 3* will present you with relevant map and weather data as well. The latter is particularly useful, as having a forecast overview visible makes tweaking event times that much more convenient.

Horizon 3 does suffer from a few shortcomings, however. A month view is available, but it expands over the main list interface rather than working in concert with it, and there's no week view to speak of at all. It's a good-looking app, but it would also be nice to see a few more layout options to make using it feel a little more personal.

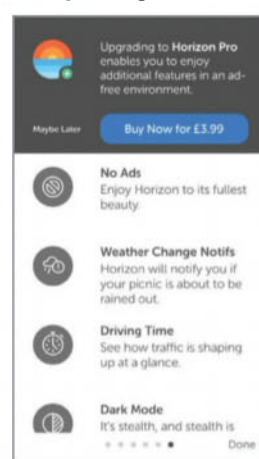
In its current version, *Horizon 3* can also be unresponsive when navigating between menus. The slowdown isn't debilitating by any means, but it's noticeable, and it makes an otherwise slick app feel occasionally sluggish.

Still, these are minor gripes with what is otherwise a brilliantly intuitive iPhone calendar. It's a great starting point, and with a few additions it could be indispensable.

***Horizon* is a slick, promising calendar app that handles all the basics with aplomb.**

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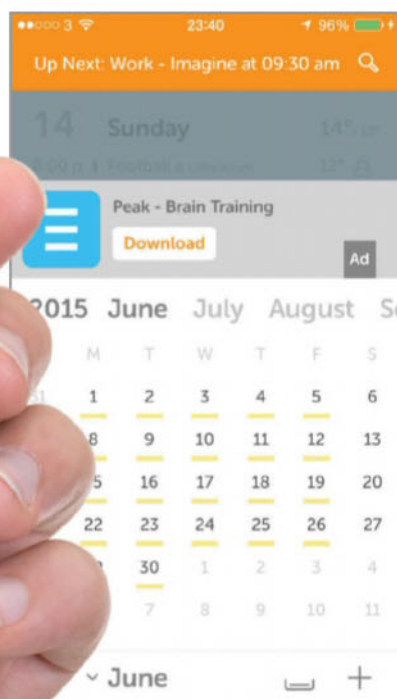
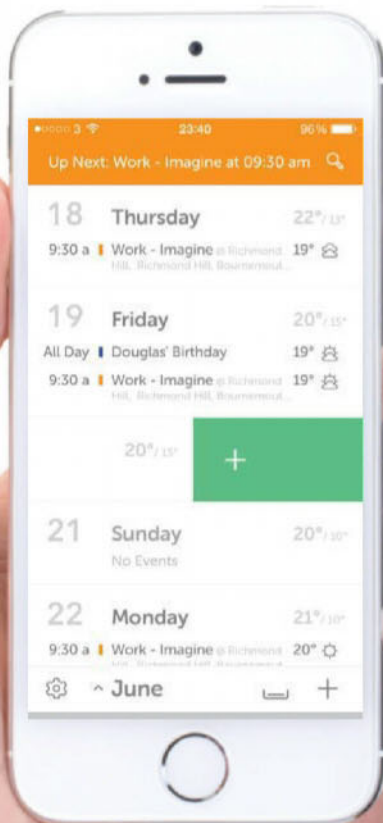
● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Freemium | v1.0.1
<http://bit.ly/horizon3ios>



Left *Horizon* offers a Pro upgrade, which will give you some additional features like weather updates on the fly

HORIZON 3

THE FORECAST IS BRIGHT FOR THIS SLICK APP



Above *Horizon* does feature a month view, but it's tucked away in a tab at the bottom of the screen

ALTERNATIVELY

Here are five other calendars you may want to consider

01 SUNRISE CALENDAR

Though *Horizon 3* does a great job of matching *Sunrise*'s weather features, it can't quite compete with the rest of package yet.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0
| Free | v4.21
● Android | OS 4.0
| Free | v4.0.2

02 FANTASTICAL 2

It may be pricier, but *Fantastical 2* offers a superb combination of beautiful design and a ton of features to choose from. In a single word: fantastic.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0
| £3.99/\$4.99
| v2.3.1

03 MICAL

MiCal has a lot going for it, but its variety of views is particularly enticing. You can even dictate some even detail to save you from typing. Give it a look if you like customisation.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| £1.49/\$1.99
| v7.6.1

04 WEEK CALENDAR

It's certainly not pretty to look at, but many users swear by *Week Calendar*, and what it may lack in beauty it certainly makes up for in functionality.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.1.1
| £1.99/\$1.99
| v8.4.1

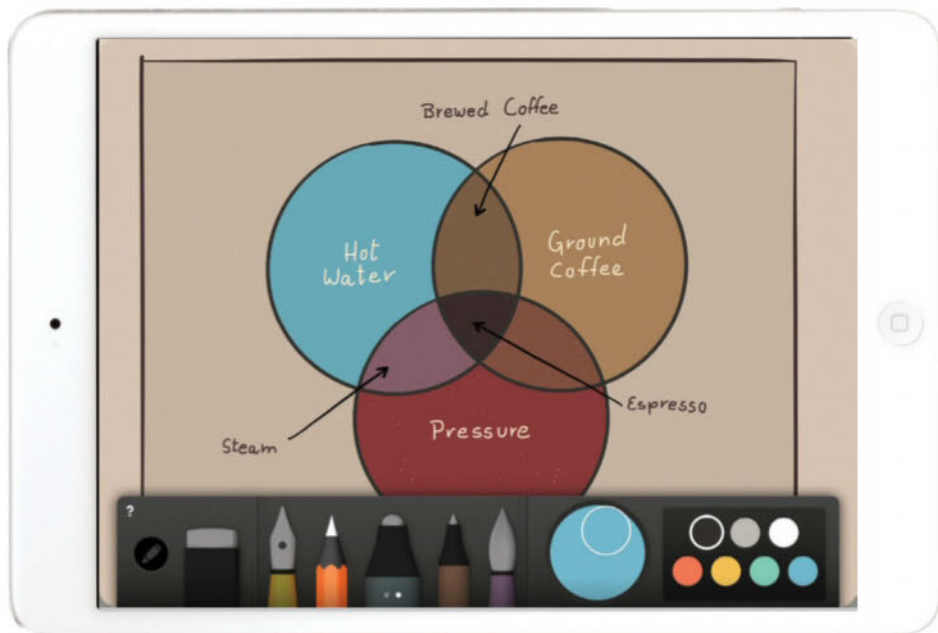
05 GOOGLE CALENDAR

Google's own *Calendar* app benefits from a shiny Material Design finish, but it does lack a few of the features that can be found in its competitors' apps.

★★★★★

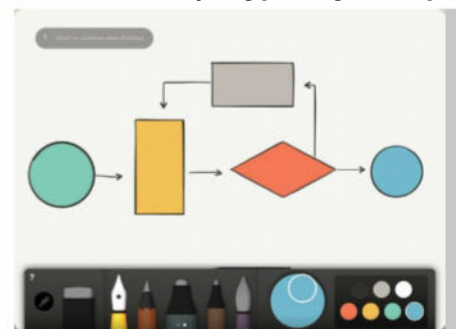
● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| Free | v1.0.3
● Android | Varies
| Free | Varies

“The layout is clean and legible at any of the three font sizes”



Left You'll get better drawing results when using a stylus

Below Move the various elements of your workflow around by long-pressing on a shape



and text can then be added to shapes and the page as a whole.

As ever, using a stylus is highly recommended for this sort of app, as it's so much easier to use than using a finger to style your Think page. As far as updates go, adding the Think functions has proved to be a massive plus step for the *Paper* app. All in all, this is a quick solution to creating workflows while on the go and one that we recommend you check out right away.



The new update just helps define *Paper* as one of the most user-friendly iOS apps.

● iPad | iOS 7.0 | Free | v2.5.3
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PAPER BY FIFTYTHREE

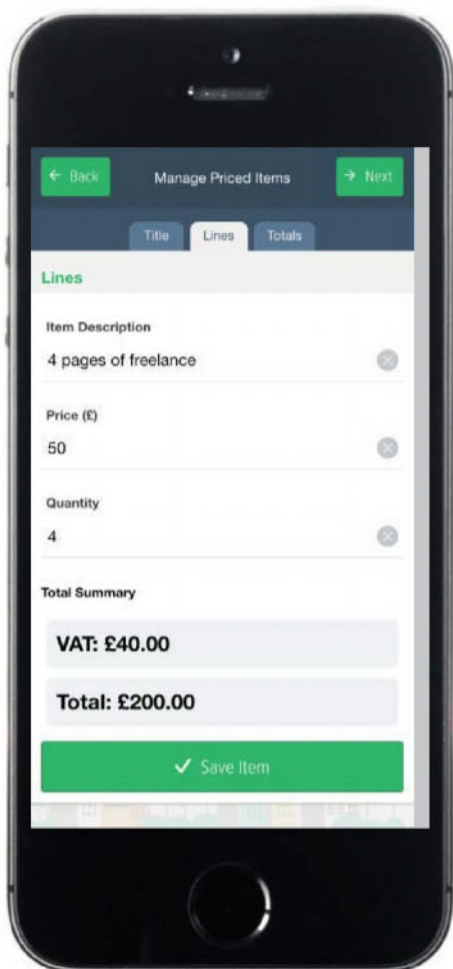
DOES THE NEW UPDATE MAKE PAPER A MUST-HAVE?



We've previously covered *Paper by FiftyThree*, but the latest update has prompted us to come back to see what the new features can offer users. Through the new Think section, *Paper* now provides all the tools to create a manageable workflow for everyday tasks.

At the bottom of the menu you can use the necessary tools to draw various shapes and

arrows to format your workflow correctly. If you're anything like us, chances are your circles may not look like circles, so it's great to see that the app will automatically format your image to the shape it thinks you're trying to draw. It's then a case of long-pressing on any shape or arrow to move your shapes around. There's a plethora of editing options included in *Paper*; shapes can be altered, colours can be applied



POWERED NOW

MANAGE ALL OF YOUR BUSINESS INVOICES IN ONE PLACE



Invoicing for your business is a typically mundane affair, especially when you consider the amount of admin that coincides with it.

Powered Now looks to take all admin woes away by being a one-stop shop for those who want to manage their small business invoice system in one place.

The app does a great job at keeping everything organised, without the user being overwhelmed by the amount of options at

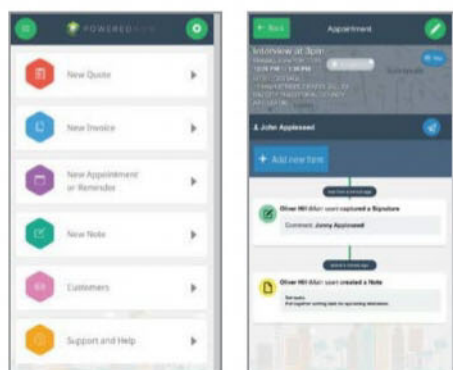
their disposal. Users are able to take notes and photos of a particular job, while it's also possible to put together estimates and send these to the customer for them to accept it. One of the most pleasing things about using all of these features is that they're automatically backed up to the cloud, so it's easy to solve any potential disputes.

One of the areas we didn't like very well, however, is the use of a digital signature to sign off on invoices. In principle it should be a handy tool to have, but it can often leave signatures looking like a congealed mess. It's also quite pricey at £4.99 a month to keep using the app's best features. Apart from these issues, *Powered Now* is a superb business aide for those who regularly use invoices to manage the incomings and outgoings of their business.

A superb aide for keeping your finances in check and ensuring your business account stays in the black.



● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v3.0
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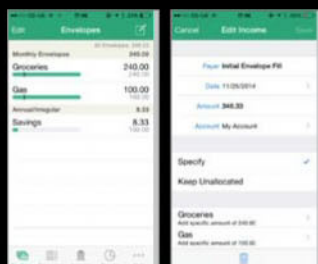
Above Import your contact details by using Contacts

Above Create multiple invoices for customers at once

Right You can add as much detail as you possibly want to any invoice

TOP 05 apps to...

MANAGE YOUR MONEY



01 GOODBUDGET BUDGET PLANNER

Goodbudget syncs your financial transactions across your devices, lets you share budgets with others, generates reports and charts and tracks bank balances.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | Free | v1.4.1
● Android | OS 4.0 | Free | v2.3.2

02 MINT: MONEY MANAGER

Hooking into **Mint.com**, this complex, intuitive app collates your personal accounts and investments, lets you create a budget and receive fee and bill reminders.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v4.4.1
● Android | OS 4.0 | Free | v4.2.0

03 BUDGT

This simple, good-looking expense tracker works out spare cash by comparing it to past ins and outs.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 8.2 | £1.49/\$1.99 | v4.1

04 EASY SPENDING EXPENSE TRACKER

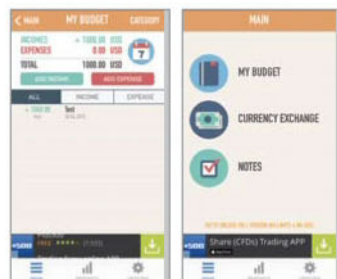
This beautiful app syncs to the cloud, allows for multiple accounts and clearly shows where your money is coming and going.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 7.1 | Freemium | v4.4

05 LEVEL MONEY

It's US-only but it works a treat, tracking income and savings and letting you work with your bills. It comes with support from many financial institutions.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v2.2.2
● Android | OS 4.1 | Freemium | v2.5.04

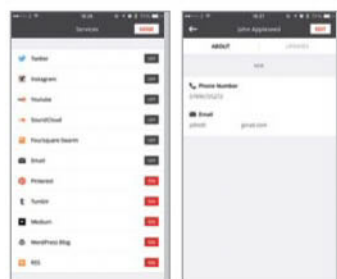


CURRENCY+

Currency+ is a perplexing app in that it is designed to help you set up and run a budget, deal with instant currency conversions and to keep notes related to your finances. This sounds good, but the reality is that the three different tasks don't always work well together and the interface is somewhat dated. It feels as if it is three apps in one, but each with such a varied focus that the end result is a confusing solution that doesn't quite work as a single app.

Lots of financial features crammed into a slightly confusing interface.

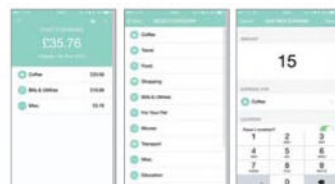
★★★★★
● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.0



RADAR

The theory behind **Radar** is good mainly because following many people over multiple networks is often very time-consuming. You can select exactly which contacts you want to track on **Radar** and then see all of their related activity on each network from within the one app, and this obviously offers many advantages. We like the simple interface and the way it works, but did find that at times the normal social networks offer a better experience. It has merit though. **A decent tool for following your closest friends over multiple social networks.**

★★★★★
● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.01

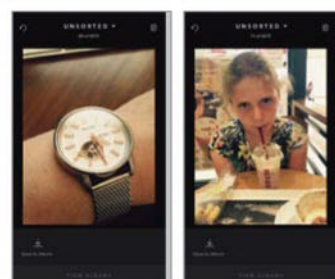


DAILY EXPENSE LOG

If your financial needs revolve around simply keeping a basic track of your spending, then this app will do a good job for you. The interface is as clean as you could wish for and entering data is also very quick, but it doesn't really offer any features that have not already been available in other apps of its kind for some time. However, **Daily Expense Log** is free after all and it has been professionally put together, so we would still recommend it for anyone who is happy to simply keep a loose check on their finances.

A minimalist expense tracker that would benefit from more original features.

★★★★★
● iPad+ | iOS 7.1 | Free | v1.1



SLIDEBOX

An app designed to make organising your photos easier sounds like a good idea, and in particular when it claims to make deleting photos as simple as swiping on your screen. The problem here, however, is that the default processes are not difficult anyway and so we struggle to see where the true benefits are within this app. For people who takes lots and lots of photos it may save some time, but we don't quite get the idea even though it is completely free. **A capable app which fulfils tasks that are not really a big problem anyway.**

★★★★★
● iPad+ | iOS 8.1 | Free | v0.21

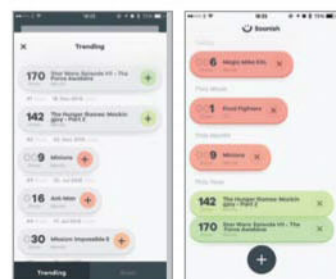


NUTCACHE TIMELOGGER

If you have a requirement to track your time, it makes sense to do so with a phone because it is likely always with you whether in your pocket or in your bag. This is where **Nutcache TimeLogger** comes in because it makes it easy to start and stop timings, and to then add notes to them so that you can bill your project accurately for example. The interface is really quite basic, but the features do work very efficiently.

For those who need to accurately track their time, this is a good solution.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v2.0.1
● Android | OS 4.0.3 | Free | v2.0.1



SOONISH

The way that **Soonish** is presented is unusual to say the least, but it does make for a pleasant experience when you are creating new events to countdown to. The resulting list also makes a lot of sense, but we did experience a few minor bugs where things didn't display in quite the manner we were expecting. Despite this, the ability to search for potential events is a great addition, and if you spend time with the app you may well get a lot of benefits out of it. **A visually pleasing countdown app with some unusual interface quirks.**

★★★★★
● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.0.1

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BLADES OF BRIM

FINALLY, TEMPLE RUN HAS BEEN DETHRONED

PROS/CONS

- ▲ Great visuals and charming animation
- ▲ Gameplay that perfects the genre tropes and innovates
- ▼ IAPs can get a little bit intrusive
- ▼ Sometimes it can get a 'busy' on screen



Just when you think a genre has become so oversaturated and bloated with pointless clones and tie-ins to existing popular franchises and brands. Just when you think that genre has died and the final nail has hit the coffin, suddenly a hand bursts through the timber and grabs your attention once more. And so this is the case with the endless runner genre and *Blades Of Brim*.

Sybo has created something that doesn't have to rely on the familiarity of an existing brand or rely on in-jokes for its appeal. *Brim* has its own world with its own denizens which gives it a little bit more charm than its peers. Here, you play as a dashing hero of *Brim* and must rid the realm of evil and save adorable captured Brimlings.

Brim changes up the old formula of avoid-obstacles-and-gather-gold by throwing enemies in the mix. Throughout your run, you can give your foes a good old cleave with your medieval weapon by swiping in their direction, doing so will help you level up and complete the game's various quests.

The game further develops on the genre by adding some high-difficulty mechanics to pull off in order to keep your momentum going throughout the game's tougher areas.

Whilst jumping gaping chasms, you can keep yourself in the air by chain-attacking airborne adversaries.

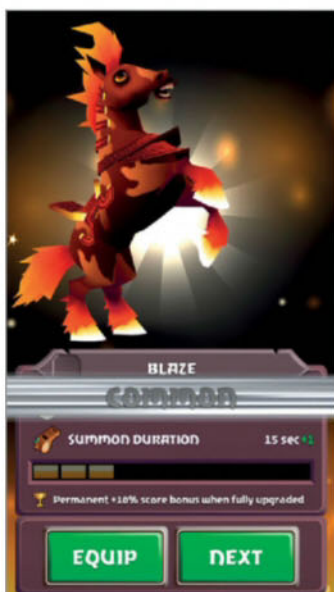
Your runs are also permeated with dungeons, each with their own quests adding more variety into the mix. Completing each quest will net you a chest at the end of the dungeon which will contain either gold or some new equipment for your hero in the form of armour or a weapon.

We can't recommend *Blades Of Brim* enough, its visual style and charm reminds us somewhat of the Medieval levels of *Crash Bandicoot*, this vibrancy is matched by its varied and addictive gameplay.

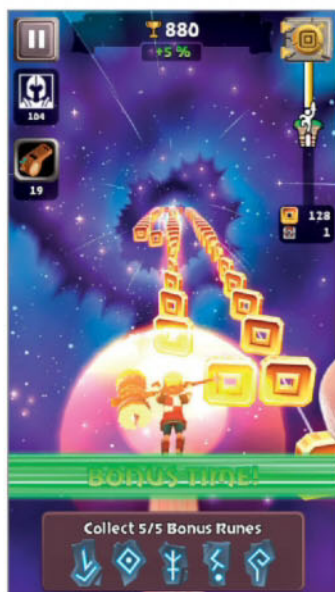


Blades Of Brim has set the gold standard for every endless runner out there.

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.1 | Freemium | v1.0.0
<http://bit.ly/bladesofbrimios>



Above During each run you have the opportunity to earn more gear or animal companions



Above Upon collecting five runes you are taken to a bonus area where you can earn more gold



ALTERNATIVELY

Still want to run forever? Here are five other endless runners

01 TEMPLE RUN 2

The game that popularised the 3D version of the genre and captivated mobile gamers for years, *Temple Run 2* is the undisputed classic endless runner.

★★★★★
 ● iPhone+ | iOS 5.1.1 | Freemium | v1.16
 ● Android | OS 2.3 | Freemium | v1.15.1

02 JETPACK JOYRIDE

Halfbrick did what *Blades Of Brim* did for 3D endless runners but for 2D. It's been three-and-a-half years since it was released and we still can't put it down.

★★★★★
 ● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Freemium | v1.8.1
 ● Android | Varies | Freemium | Varies

03 LARA CROFT: RELIC RUN

For all the *Tomb Raider* fans out there, taking *Relic Run* out for a spin is a no-brainer. Each run gave us something different.

★★★★★
 ● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v1.0.3
 ● Android | OS 3.0 | Freemium | v1.0.9

04 IRON MAN 3

If you can stomach the incessant grinding for better equipment, you'll be treated to a polished slick-looking runner.

★★★★★
 ● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Freemium | v1.6.0
 ● Android | OS 2.3 | Freemium | v1.6.0g

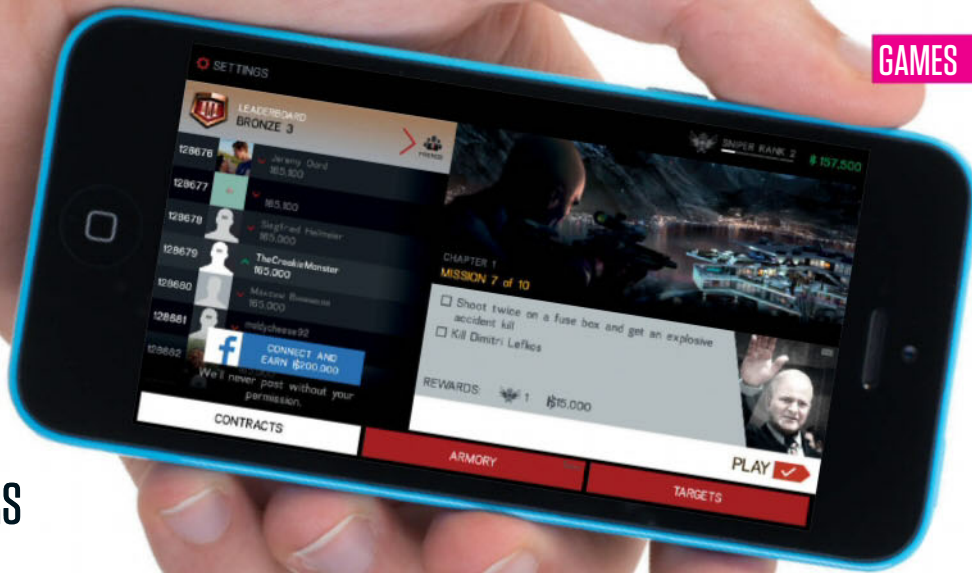
05 SONIC DASH

You can't think of running without the blue hedgehog himself. This game also marks the only good *Sonic* game this decade.

★★★★★
 ● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Freemium | v1.6.0
 ● Android | OS 2.4.1 | Freemium | v2.4.1.Go

PROS/CONS

- ▲ It is a polished, good-looking game with great controls
- ▲ The missions are varied, fun and action-packed
- ▼ You have to pay extra for the best firepower
- ▼ It is essentially a shooting gallery at the heart of it



AGENT 47 HAS MOBILE GAMERS IN HIS SIGHTS AGAIN

HITMAN: SNIPER

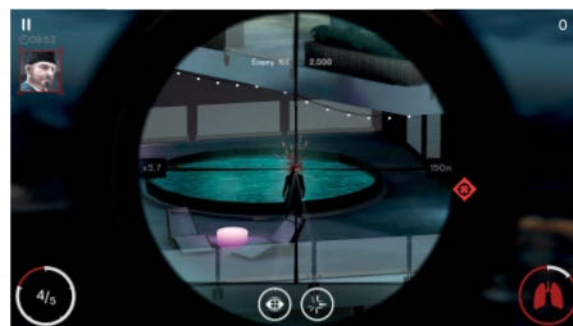


There is something strangely calming and scarily alluring about assuming the role of a sniper, waiting patiently for a hit and picking off targets in the most creative of ways. So it's a good job *Hitman: Sniper* enables you to perform this most sinister of tasks without having to hurt real humans.

Wrapped in a glossy veneer with instructional voiceovers and reels of incoming stats, *Hitman: Sniper* is packed with missions, each asking you to kill a specific target. You simply peer through your shooter's sights, pinch to zoom and use your fingers to move around. When the person is dead centre, you tap the screen and execute the kill.

Below All of the action takes place on this sprawling lake-fronted mansion

If this was the only task, the game could easily become very dull as the action takes place in a single setting: a large but easily scannable mansion. But the developers have spiced up the action with further objectives, involving



anything from achieving a certain number of points, avoiding detection or picking off moving guards.

This raises the adrenaline level. Mistime a shot, leave a body in plain sight or hit a civilian and the guards are alerted, picking up their walkie-talkies for assistance. Should the central target be startled, he or she will run, turning the game into something of a cat-and-mouse chase.

The tasks also become progressively harder and intricate. By shooting at objects, you can lure guards to safe killing spots or into neatly placed death traps and you will become frustrated yet drawn to the more challenging sections.

Some of the additional rifles need cold-hard cash but with leaderboards to aim for, you may well be tempted to invest.

Polished, varied and full of excitement with neat flourishes, this is a game that is right on target.

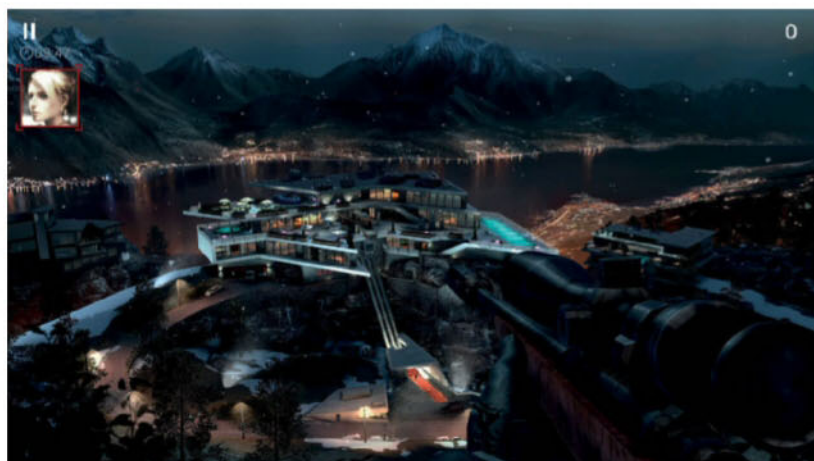
★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | £3.99/\$4.99 | v1.2.0

<http://bit.ly/hitmansniperios>

● Android | OS 4.1 | £3.99/\$4.99 | v1.2.43823

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ALTERNATIVELY

Five more apps to feed your inner assassin

01 HITMAN GO



Eschewing third-party visuals, *Hitman GO* can also be compared to a puzzle-based board game.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0

| £3.99/\$4.99

v1.11.2

● Android | OS 2.3.3

| £4.79/\$4.99

v1.11.27230

02 01 ZOMBIE GORE SNIPER SHOOTER GAME



This game boasts cartoon graphics, zombies and multiplayer but you must pay to rid the title of its many adverts and to get access to the better weapons.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0

| Freemium | v1.0

03 SNIPER 3D ASSASSIN: SHOOT TO KILL



Gorgeous 3D visuals and hundreds of missions combine in a thrillingly addictive console-like game with a great user interface.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0

| Freemium | v1.5.1

● Android | OS 2.3

| Freemium | v1.6.0

04 CONTRACT KILLER: SNIPER



More than just a sniper game despite the name (it has you throwing knives and firing weapons) but the sniping is spot on.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0

| Freemium | v3.0.1

● Android | OS 3.0

| Freemium | v3.0.1

05 ISNIPER 3D ARCTIC WARFARE



A great-looking game with a cool story. Master the tricky controls and you have a brilliant game.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 5.0

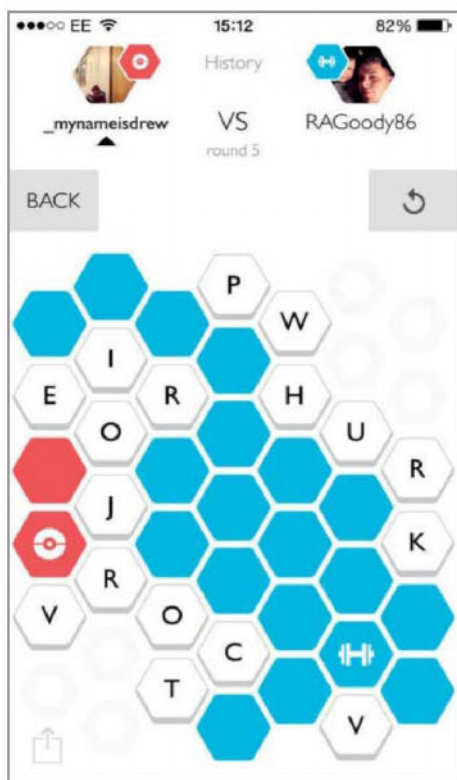
| Freemium

| v1.1.2

● Android | Varies

| Freemium | Varies

CAPITALS – FREE WORD BATTLE



Above The thrill of the battle was enough to keep us interested

DICTIONARIES ALONE WON'T SAVE YOU HERE



Turn-based mobile multiplayer games are either made or damned by their respective communities. A game could be genuinely great but if it doesn't have a good amount of players floating around, then no one is going to be able to play it. Thankfully *Capitals* has managed to entrance many a wordsmith and provoke a rather healthy player base, which is good news as the game is rather brilliant.

Capitals requires a mind for strategy as much as it demands a dictionary; on each of your turns you form words using the hexagonal tiles on a grid in order to expand your territory – the endgame being that you take over your opponent's 'capital' tile. You can choose any tile on the board in order to deny letters from your opponent, but your territory only expands if you use letter tiles which are adjacent to your territory. It's a refreshing take on the word puzzler and one that we are quite fond of.

If you are that kind of person who demands a game of Scrabble at family events then we can't recommend *Capitals* enough. The game does lack single player, which worries



Left Big word scores alone aren't enough for a win. You have to pick the tiles by your territory

us as it throws the game at the mercy of its aforementioned community, but that makes us recommend it more – if only to keep it alive.

As much about strategic placement as it is about words, *Capitals* will bend your brain in more ways than one.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Freemium | v1.0.6
<http://bit.ly/capitalswordios>

TIL MORNING'S LIGHT

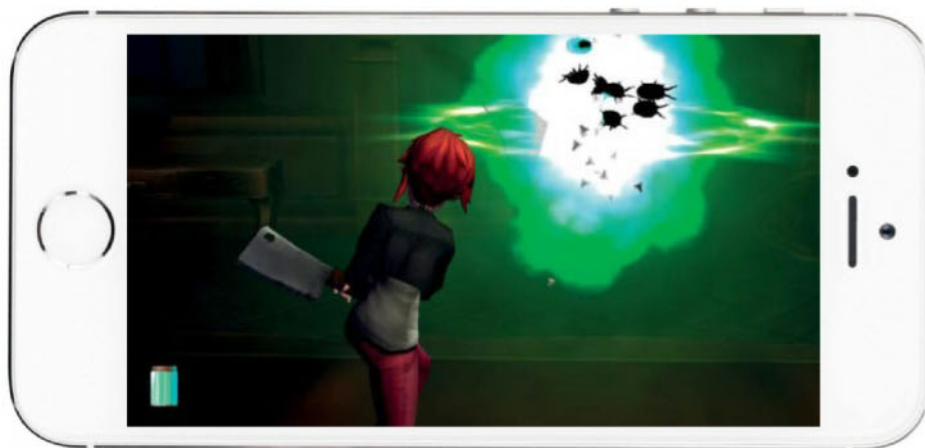
BUFFY MEETS RESIDENT EVIL IN LUIGI'S MANSION



Poor Erica, in classic teen horror-story style she's been tricked by schoolmates and is locked inside a haunted mansion. Armed with only a torch and her wits, she must make her escape before the mansion claims her life. *Til Morning's Light* kind of plays like a 'My First

Survival Horror', similar to the likes of *Luigi's Mansion* but spliced with the likes of *Resident Evil* or *Alone In The Dark*. Erica must explore each nook and cranny of the dusty old mansion, solving puzzles and collecting keys with symbols on them to unlock the corresponding doors. Of course, Erica isn't alone and must use

"The combat in *Til Morning's Light* is varied enough, as each monster requires a different approach"



Above Monster battles unfold in what are essentially quick-time events



Above Artifacts will help you unearth secrets

her trusty flashlight (you can find other, more dangerous weapons) to defeat the various monsters that inhabit the house of horror.

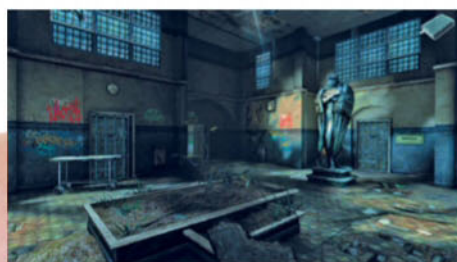
The game strikes a nice balance between combat and puzzles. The combat in *Til Morning's Light* is varied enough, as each monster requires a different approach, for example one monster may require you to swipe icons at the right time whereas others may prompt you to tap multiple locations in quick succession. The puzzles, on the other hand, feel like glorified fetch quests with the occasional 'push-block-to-do-something' activity thrown in. This is a survival horror for the more proactive player, you know, the one who likes to clobber beasts with torches or cleavers. **While not scary in the slightest, the game has an undeniable charm and is varied enough to hold your attention.**

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | £4.99/\$6.99 | v1.0.1
<http://bit.ly/tilmorningslightios>

LOST WITHIN

A GOOD OLD-FASHIONED GHOST STORY TO GIVE YOU GOOSEBUMPS



Lost Within is a horror game that ticks boxes. It takes all of the things that are supposed to be scary in and of themselves – a dark set of rooms, an asylum, writing scrawled on the wall, monsters and eerie music – and combines them into a game that makes you feel you've seen it all before. Even so, it works because there are points in this game where you will jump out of your skin.

As a cop sweeping the condemned asylum to make sure it's clean, you soon become embroiled in trying to solve a mystery in order to be able to

escape. You move around the claustrophobic environment by tapping on the screen in the direction you wish to head, looking for glowing objects to examine and seeking clues that advance the story. Flashbacks also fill in the gaps as you create weapons to bash the monsters which roam the corridors and rooms.

It is this narrative which drives you forward as you soon become more preoccupied with trying to fathom what is going on and seeking clues. It helps that the presentation of the game is so slick and atmospheric. Not only do you come to have a real feel of the building in which you're stuck, you come to believe you are playing a full-on console title: the quality of the experience is *that* good.

***Lost Within* really shows the power of good storytelling.**

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.1
| £4.99/\$6.99 | v1.0
<http://bit.ly/lostwithinius>

Left As you work your way around the game you can pick up snippets of information that tell the story



SPLASH CANYONS

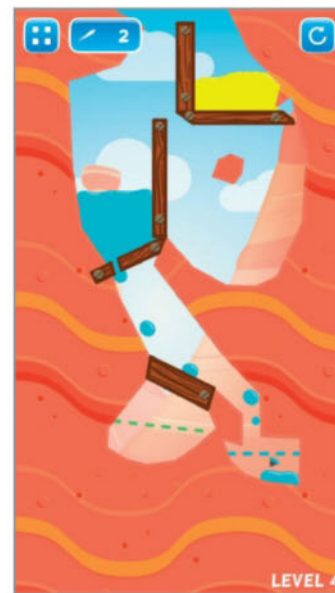
IT'S TIME TO GO WITH THE FLOW IN THIS NEW PUZZLER



Very often, puzzle apps hold you by the hand and offer guidance for what seems like ages until you grasp the concept. Not *Splash Canyons*. A couple of instructional levels and that's your lot – the rest you just have to get on with. This makes for a fiendish puzzler with an upward difficulty curve. But it also makes it a satisfying challenge.

The idea of the game is to enable brightly coloured liquid to flow perfectly into a set of canyons by slicing away at obstacles. You have to take into account the environment and natural elements such as wind. Most crucially, you have to think about how real-life physics will affect how the liquids descend.

Some of the liquids have to be combined to make different colours which means the ordering of play has to be perfect – waste too much red for instance and your yellows won't enable you to make the right amount of orange. It can be very frustrating to fill one canyon only to realise you do not have enough left to fill another. Since there is no way back, it's a case of learning from your



Left You have to cut through parts of the environment in order to fill the right parts

mistakes and experimenting – but this is of course all part of the fun.

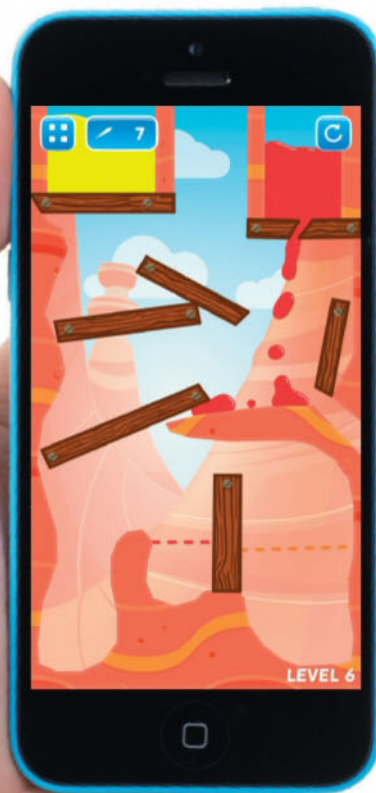
Splash Canyons is inventive, engaging and addictive. Its bold colouring and cutesy structure is akin to the long-running trend of similar titles but its creativeness sets it apart.



To excuse a pun, *Splash Canyons* offers a fluid experience that will keep you playing for hours.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.1 | £0.79/\$0.99 | v1.0.2
<http://bit.ly/splashcanyonsios>



TOP 05 apps to...

IMPROVE YOUR BEST SCORE



01 ANGRY BIRDS FRIENDS

Friends has weekly competitions, leaderboards, regular new levels and tiers to climb through. It's finger-flicking good.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0
| Freemium | v1.9.0
● Android | OS 2.3
| Freemium | v1.9.0

02 SLINGSHOT TRIALS

If racing is your bag, this fast-paced game lets you compete in online tournaments, compare your times on the leaderboards and post your points to social media.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.1
| Freemium | v1.0.1

03 MONSTER DASH

Connect to the internet to gain copious experience points in this run-and-shoot game, with daily events to fly you up leaderboards.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0
| Freemium | v2.1
● Android | OS 4.0.3
| Freemium | v2.1

04 ASPHALT OVERDRIVE

More an endless runner, *Asphalt Overdrive* is a game of skill that you can play against friends. Advance in league championships and climb those leaderboards.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0
| Freemium | v1.2.0
● Android | OS 4.0
| Freemium | v1.2.0k

05 BLUEPRINT 3D

A unique 3D puzzler that lets you earn trophies as you unlock new images. With Apple Game Center rewards and leaderboards, you can gather up a host of trophies.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3
| £0.79/\$0.99 | v2.0
● Android | OS 2.3.3
| £1.39/\$1.99 | v1.0.2



DODO POP



The visuals and animations in *Dodo Pop* are simply superb and highlight the

sheer quality of the game from the very first time you play it. Despite a familiar-feeling game mechanic, the matching of gumballs to pass each level truly is fun every time. There are in-app purchases later on, but overall we did greatly enjoy the gaming experience, and we believe you will too.

An absorbing and natural board game which will have you hooked quickly.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0
| Freemium | v1.4.0
● Android | OS 4.0
| Freemium | v1.4.0.138



TIKI TAKA SOCCER



Tiki Taka Soccer may bring back memories of the classic top-down soccer games

which dominated the games industry in the early days, but don't expect a retro experience. You have to build your team, hire staff and act as a manager while using your skills to win each match. It's colourful, fun and feels like playing the real game.

Retro soccer never felt so immersive. There is a lot of fun to be had here.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0
| Freemium | v1.0.57
● Android | OS 2.3
| Freemium | v1.0.00.015



ANGRY BIRDS FIGHT!

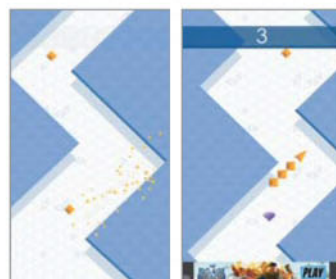


Angry Birds is of course a legendary mobile-gaming brand and here we have a new twist for something a little bit different. You get to play a *Candy Crush*-style game, but all the while you have to build up the powers of your bird so that you can win the fight after each round. It is quite absorbing and we have found ourselves coming back time and time again which is of course a very good sign.

A different take on the matching tile genre which offers some entertaining depth.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0
| Freemium | v1.2.1
● Android | OS 4.0
| Freemium | Varies



ARROW

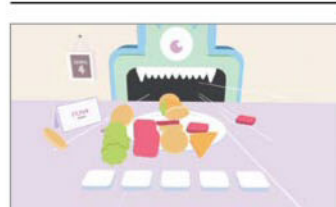


Arrow will likely feel familiar from the very first time you play it, but that does not mean that it is lacking on the entertainment side. You have to fly your ship through a difficult path and it will grow in size as you start to pick up objects. The ability to only turn one way is unique, but overall we were left wondering if more could be done to add some originality to the game.

A simple and at times frustrating experience that remains quite addictive.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0
| Freemium | v1.0
● Android | OS 4.1
| Freemium | v1.0



MONSTER WANT BURGER



The visuals in *Monster Want Burger* have a certain something that makes the entire experience feel more personal than it normally would. You have to build burgers and then feed them to the monster, yes you really do have to do that, at which point he will animatedly show his approval for what you've made. It is obviously perfect for children, but even adults are likely to enjoy the cute repetitive nature of the gameplay which makes it worth looking at to pass some free time.

A fun game which involves building burgers and feeding monsters. Just try it.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 4.3
| £0.79/\$0.99 | v1.0

FALLOUT SHELTER



It would be extremely hard to overstate *Fallout Shelter*'s depth because it is genuinely immense. You have to build an underground community, use the right people for specific tasks, and explore above ground and protect your creation. It is absorbing on every single level and brings a with it wonderfully detailed graphics. This could potentially be one of the very best games released in the past year.

A truly brilliant strategy game with outstanding visuals.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0
| Freemium | v1.0.2

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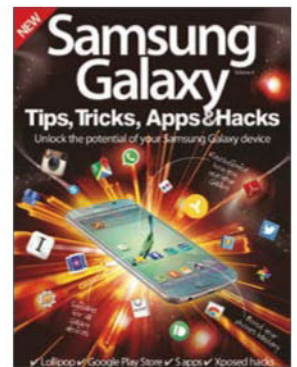
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BROADCAST YOUR OWN TV SHOW WITH PERISCOPE

» Periscope lets users watch and broadcast live video from their phones. Here's how to get in on the act

Created by Twitter, *Periscope* is a spin-off social network that's all about sharing live video of what you're doing or seeing, wherever you are. Not only that, but viewers can interact with you by typing messages and sending hearts (the equivalent of a Facebook 'Like'). People are using *Periscope* for all manner of things: from broadcasting breaking news, to steaming live events, to simply answering viewers' questions.

In this guide we'll demonstrate how to broadcast your own TV show - to the world or privately to selected followers. Note that before your first broadcast, you'll need to enable the camera, mic and location sharing - you can easily toggle the last of these later. One tip is to point the rear camera at something interesting before you film, as that will be the 'cover' photo for your video. Another thing to watch out for is data usage: when broadcasting, you can easily chew through over 250MB hourly. We'd advise connecting via a Wi-Fi hotspot where possible.

While broadcasts can be replayed if anyone misses them live, they disappear from *Periscope*'s servers after 24 hours. So if you want to keep yours, save it to your device's Camera Roll/Gallery - there's an option in the settings to do this automatically.

Finally, while most of the viewers we encountered were good company, if you do experience any issues with someone making inappropriate or annoying comments, you can block them almost instantly: just tap their comment or name. Happy scoping!

BROADCAST CONTROLS

> The Periscope broadcast screen explained

Switch cameras

Double-tap anywhere in the middle of the screen to switch between front and rear cameras. Swipe down to reveal the Stop Broadcast button.

Love hearts

Every time a viewer taps their screen, it sends a heart to tell you they like what you're doing. So you can get a good idea if they like your broadcast.

Number of viewers

You can instantly see how popular your live feed is. Tap the icon to see a full list of viewers; tap on one to see their profile and follow them.

Chat comments

Comments from your viewers appear here, along with names of those joining the broadcast. Tap on one and you can see their profile or block them.

About the app...

PERISCOPE

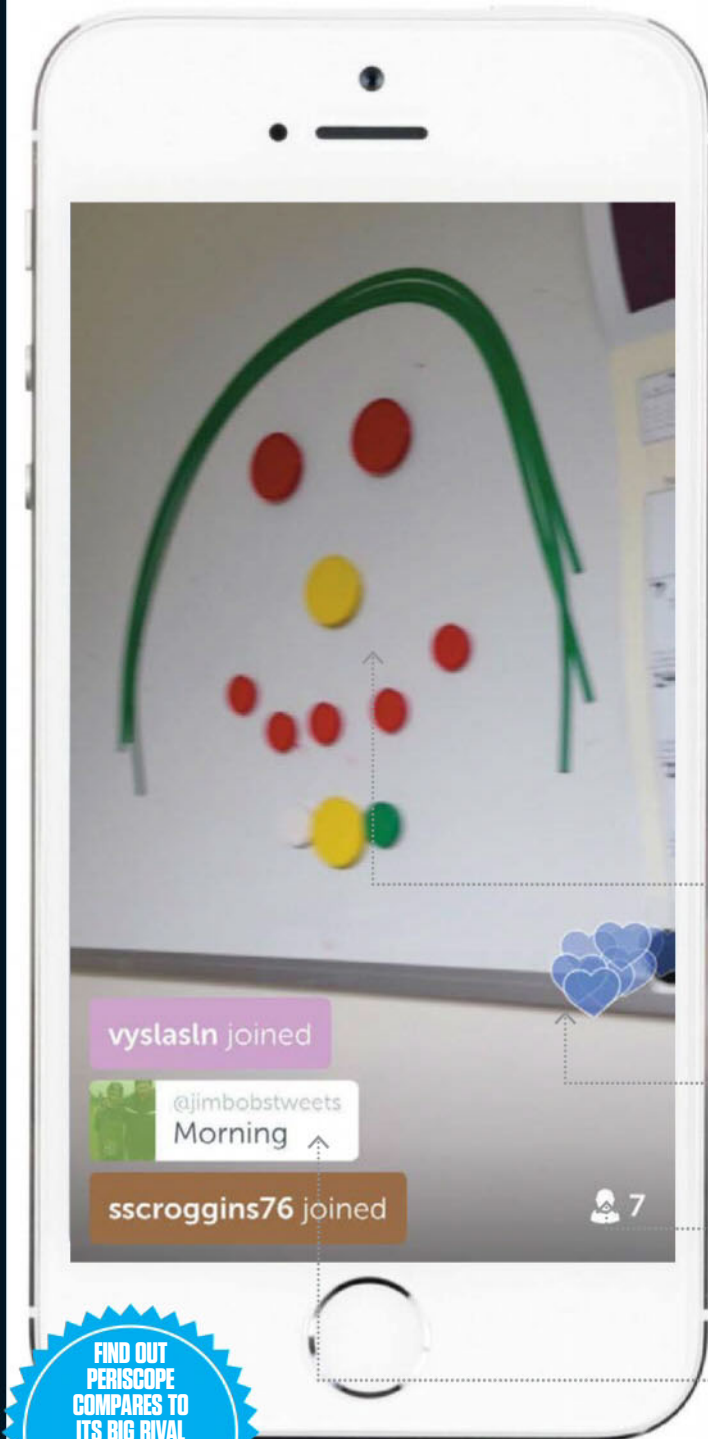
Watch and broadcast live video wherever you are

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.1 | Free | v1.1.1
● Android | iOS 4.4 | Free | v1.0.2.2

While getting your head around the strangeness of interactive live video broadcasting takes a while, the *Periscope* app is simple to use and will help you enter the broadcasting world with ease. Your personal feed shows live or recent broadcasts by users you've followed. The global list shows new public broadcasts, also viewable on a map in the iOS app so you can see who's scoping near you. The app's only weakness is video discovery: there's currently no facility to search them by keyword, although you can do so for users.

Bar a few quirks and connection issues, it works well and is a great way of sharing broadcasts.

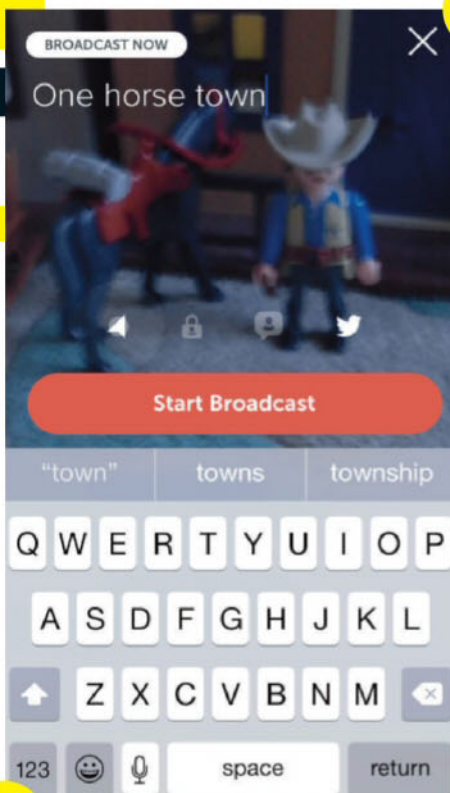
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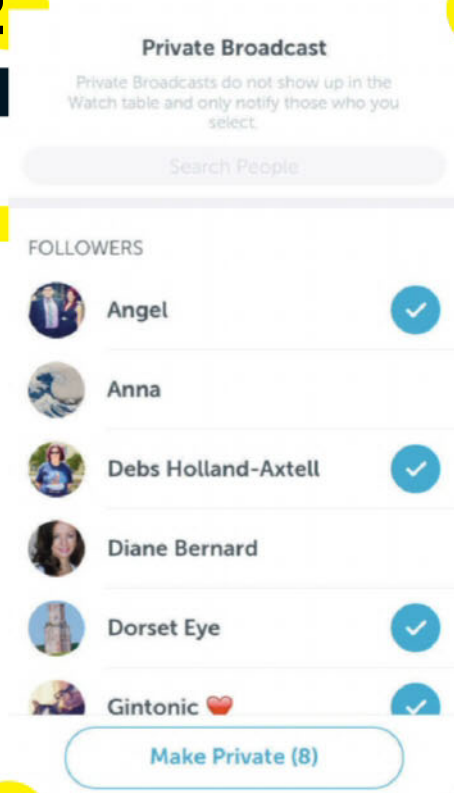
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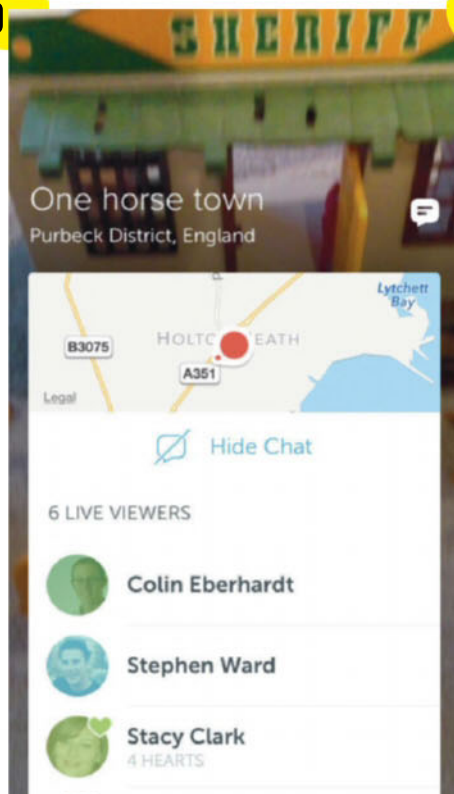
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PERISCOPE > Broadcast live video

1 BROADCAST OPTIONS

Tap the camera icon at the bottom of the app to initiate a live broadcast. Before streaming, you can tap icons to toggle options for location sharing, chat (everyone or followers) and whether to tweet a link.

4 WATCH THE COMMENTS

Within seconds, other users will likely start joining your broadcast, their names appearing at the bottom left, along with any comments or questions, so try to interact with them as much as you can.

2 PRIVATE CHAT

The remaining option, the padlock icon, determines whether your broadcast is public or private. Tapping it brings up a list of followers; select the ones you want to invite, then tap Make Private.

5 VIEW YOUR VIEWERS

The number at the bottom-right shows how many people are watching your broadcast right now. Tap the number to see a full list of viewers; tap a name to block that user or you can view their profile instead.

3 START STREAMING

Whether your broadcast is public or private, when ready, tap the Start Broadcast button to start streaming live video from your rear camera - you can double-tap the screen to switch cameras at any point.

6 END YOUR SHOW

When ready to end your broadcast, swipe down to reveal the Stop Broadcast button and tap it. You'll see stats including the number of viewers, as well as an option to save the video you just recorded to your Camera Roll.

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One of the best things about listening to podcasts is that there are thousands to choose from that cover a vast array of subjects. *Pocket Casts* is without doubt one of the best podcast apps on the market and contains over 200,000 podcasts that every user can stream and enjoy.

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● **Android** | **OS 4.1** | **£2.49/\$3.99** | **v5.1.4**



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
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
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
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
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
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
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
● iOS 6.0 | £2.29/\$2.99
● OS 2.0 | £1.60/\$2.69

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
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
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